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Fans getting ready to roar their support for England's Three Lions

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NERVES and excitement are sweeping the county today, as football fans gear up for the nail-biting Euro 2012 showdown between England and Italy.

Pubs are anticipating being full to capacity as people shun their sofas for a spot at the bar to soak up the atmosphere as the two teams meet for the first time in 15 years.

The quarter-final match, which kicks off at 7.45pm, will also be shown on Dover's Big Screen in Market Square – one of just eight in the country – and if the weather holds out it could be a key viewing spot for families.

Should the sun make an appearance, which forecasters suggest it will, many will be taking advantage of specially adapted beer gardens complete with TV screens, while others will stay at home

and bring out their own barbecues to take advantage of the break from the recent wet weather.

Despite concerns from the pub industry that large numbers of fans would choose to watch the games at home, many have reported being full to capacity for England three group matches.

Phil Thorley, of Thorley Taverns, which runs a chain of pubs in east Kent, said their venues had been busy throughout the tournament so far.

"All our venues and staff are dressed up, we have flags and bunting everywhere and we're raring to go," he said.

"All the games have finished on a high with a great atmosphere and so we're hoping it will be a good result against Italy.

"We are 100 per cent behind Roy Hodgson and the England team."

The Ashes sports bar in Maidstone

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Picture: SCOTT HEAVEY

DRIVING FORCE: Fans will be raising a glass to England's captain Steven Gerrard

CAMPAIGN

WWII ship to scupper Boris?

AN American World War
Two warship could scupper "bonkers" plans for a new hub airport in the Thames estuary. The SS Richard Montgomery was sunk off Sheerness carrying a full load of explosives. Many believe the wreck is so dangerous an airport could never be built nearby. **PAGE 5**

POLICING

Candidates in police chief bid

THE main parties have chosen their candidates for the race to be Kent's first Police and Crime Commissioner. And Labour's choice experienced the reality of the job when she suffered a burglary. Meanwhile fears have been raised that turnout in the poll will be low in the face of public apathy. **PAGE 8**

SPORT

Kent set for busy schedule

KENT boss Jimmy Adams is confident his side are in top condition to tackle a busy fixture list. Including Sunday's match against Hampshire, Kent have nine games in 25 days, including six t20 games, the three-day match against South Africa, and a CB40 game against Sussex. **PAGE 79**

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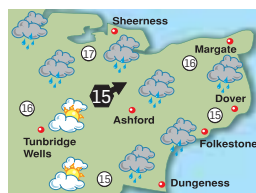
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TODAY: Rain for a time, but drier later on. Fresh south-westerly winds. Max temp 16-19C (61-66F). **TONIGHT:** Clear spells developing. Min temp 11-14C (52-57F).

TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

Dover	02.30	6.2	14.57	6.3
Margate	03.41	4.5	15.54	4.5
St Mary's	08.26	5.1	20.44	5.2

WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Max 18C	Min 11C
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Pubs enjoy bumper turnout as fans get behind Roy's boys

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has been turning hundreds of fans away in the group games, and owner James Mackley said today would be no different.

"For the last game we had a queue of 80 people trying to get in," he said. "We're turning hundreds away because we're full to capacity. The last game we were full by 6.30pm, an hour or so before kick-off.

"We have an outside bar and screens and we'll have a barbecue. People really enjoy the atmosphere; everyone sings England songs and gets involved."

Craig Coppen is manager of The Penny Theatre in Canterbury, a popular viewing spot for football.

He said the pub has been busy throughout the tournament and that he would be hosting a barbecue and outside

bar to cope with the crowds.

"One of the frustrations for people is having to queue for drinks, so for football games we give them alternatives to make sure they get served quickly," he said.

Mr Coppen said the pub, previously a theatre, has an area called 'the pit' which has become a popular place for people to watch football.

"It's where people would've

watched the theatre shows."

Spirits were a little lower in parts of Medway, where a number of pub owners said people were still choosing to watch in the comfort of their at home.

Owner of The Crown in Rochester Steve Kray said: "It's on normal TV, so people watch the game at home because they don't have the money."

Government ministers have

chosen not to attend the match in Kiev due to concerns about the rule of law and selective justice in Ukraine.

However, if the team make the semi-finals, which are being held in Poland, ministers will attend.

A decision has not yet been made on whether they will attend the final – if England make it through that far – which is being held in Ukraine.

CRIME

Jailed paedophile who 'used children as objects for his depraved desires'

By Chrissie Daniels

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A PAEDOPHILE who admitted to more than 30 sex offences, including four of child rape, could be free from prison in just seven years.

Darren Leggett, 32, of Mount Avenue, Yalding, near Maidstone, was convicted of 31 child sex offences, including rape; taking, possessing and distributing sexual abuse images of children; and arranging a child for sex.

Unemployed Leggett created two websites for distributing sexual images of children. He abused his victims, who were as young as six-years-old, over a six-year period.

He was given an indeterminate sentence and will serve a minimum of seven years. He will have to prove he is no longer a danger before he can be considered for release.

The court heard how his crimes came to light when the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) received an anonymous tip off from a member of the public who had discovered one of the websites.

The IWF is a hotline for the public to report online criminal content, specifically related to child sexual abuse.

Kent Police then set up an operation, during which Leggett arranged to pay for sexual abuse of a child.



JAIL: Darren Leggett's 31 crimes include rape of a child under the age of 13, sexual assault of a child, and arranging for a child for a sexual offence

This led to a warrant being carried out at his home on February 10, where he was arrested.

Police seized his computer and memory sticks, which revealed the extent of his crimes.

Officers found 36 films he had made in which he committed a string of sexual abuse offences against three young children.

Appearing at Maidstone Crown

Court, Leggett was deemed such a danger to children by Judge Statman that only an indeterminate sentence was sufficient.

Judge Statman said: "This is an extremely well handled and sensitively conducted operation and a classic piece of detective work."

Leggett will also be required to sign on the sex offenders' register for life, has a lifelong sexual offences prevention or-

der, and will be barred from working with children and vulnerable adults. He will also undergo a sex offender treatment programme.

Leggett admitted: two counts of sexual activity with a child; eight counts of causing a child to engage in sexual activity; four counts of sexual assault of a child; four counts of rape of a child under 13; two counts of assault by penetration; one count of arranging a child for a sexual offence; three counts of taking indecent photographs of children; four counts of possession of indecent images of children; and three counts of distributing indecent images of children.

Det Sgt Dave Shipley, of Kent Police, said: "Leggett used children as objects for his depraved desires, as commodities which he was content to trade and share with others, with no thought for the impact his actions would have on his victims."

Emma Lowther, IWF director of communications, said: "These websites were out of the ordinary with serious depraved desires to trade, sell, and rent children. Thanks to the close partnership working, within a week of the report being received, a dangerous offender and distributor of child sexual abuse images was arrested and in less than four months has been imprisoned."

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CINEMA

Street kids film shows gritty alternative to glamour of World Cup

By Chris Murphy

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AS THE 2010 World Cup in South Africa played out with its multi-millionaire players and even richer sponsors, away from the massive stadia poverty stricken street urchins were doing their best with a borrowed ball.

The incredible images of children playing on temporary dirt pitches were captured in a moving new film, *Street Kids United*, by a Kent director.

In the past, filmmaker Tim Pritchard has worked with celebrities such as model Naomi Campbell, and also created the Sky documentary series, *Ross Kemp on Gangs*.

And as excitement gripped the country ahead of England's Sunday night European championship quarter final against Italy, the director explained to Archant KOS Media that he had wanted to get back to his roots and make a film that concentrated on those who are usually "starved of media oxygen".

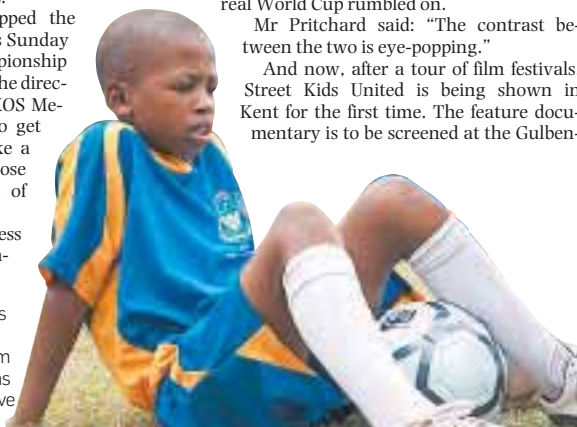
So he filmed the homeless children's world cup tournament



ment where charities around the world got together to take street kids to Durban to play as the real World Cup rumbled on.

Mr Pritchard said: "The contrast between the two is eye-popping."

And now, after a tour of film festivals, *Street Kids United* is being shown in Kent for the first time. The feature documentary is to be screened at the Gulben-



HOMELESS: Tim Pritchard's film follows The Umthombo Young Stars, 12 children from the streets of South Africa, as they compete in an alternative World Cup tournament



kian Cinema, Canterbury, on Thursday, June 28, at 6.30pm.

The 70-minute film has already received accolades at film festivals around the world, including the prestigious Berlinale for its portrayal of a gang of street kids faced with a hopeless, poverty-stricken future, who get the chance to turn their lives around by taking part in a global football tournament.

The 12 youngsters who made up The Umthombo Young Stars were plucked from South African's dirt-ridden streets, to be taught the basic skills of football and teamwork, as well as being shown how to develop self-respect and find healthy alternatives to their lives on the streets, said Mr Pritchard.

The Orpington movie man said: "We used quite small cameras to be as discreet as we could. We followed the South African children during their preparations, during the tournament and after."

"It is heartbreaking seeing these youngsters and the way they live. But tournaments like this are brilliant for them, it gives a sense of purpose and keeps them away from the world of drugs."

Tickets to the screening are available at the Gulbenkian by calling 01227 769075.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Park's £2.5m revamp

A DAY of celebrations is being held on Sunday to mark the £2.5 million restoration of Mote Park Maidstone. The fun will include the Kent Kite Festival display, an appearance by Peppa Pig and George, and youth bands. Improvements have included new paths, restoration of parkland, 100 new trees, car park improvements, new bridges, restoring the 1840s waterfall, visitor hubs, and restoring the 1800s neoclassical Volunteers Pavilion.

➔ Festival fraud charges

DAVID Anthony Fisher, 42, of Watermans Way in Greenhithe, has been charged with 32 offences of fraud by false representation in relation to tickets to a music festival in 2011.

He has been bailed to appear at Dartford Magistrates in July.

A spokesman at Kent Police said that advice and guidance on how to keep yourself, your friends, and your family, safe can be found at <http://bit.ly/b0Z4KZ>.

➔ Top economist lecture

DR Adam Posen, a member of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee – which sets interest rates – is giving a public lecture at the University of Greenwich's Medway Campus on Monday, July 9, at 6.30pm. He will discuss how politicians may have "chosen to follow mistaken economic ideals," and explain why "blunt truth telling" and "forceful policy action" are necessary for the country in the current economic situation. While the event is free and open to all, it is necessary to register for a place at www.gre.ac.uk/schools/business.

CARE

Parliamentary pressure to stop children being 'dumped' in Kent

PRESSURE is mounting on the Government to tackle the scandal of children in care being "dumped" in Kent, after a parliamentary inquiry called for urgent action.

Findings from the inquiry were published in a report which exposed the "shocking" numbers of vulnerable children from London and further afield being placed miles from home.

This latest parliamentary report adds weight to the fight by calling for action to reduce out-of-area placements.

"Evidence shows this is often a major factor in causing them to run away and put them at risk," it stated.

The report also revealed that a high percentage of local authorities which had placed looked-after youngsters in another area were unable to give information on whether that child had gone missing from care.

Last week, Kent County

Council leader Cllr Paul Carter called for London mayor Boris Johnson and London borough councils to get around a table and discuss the problem of dumping vulnerable children miles from home.

Currently, almost 1,300 of looked-after children in Kent are originally from out of the county.

Care resources, which already serve around 1,600 Kent-born children, are being stretched to their limits.

Concern also surrounds the well-being of the children placed in the county, who are more likely to run away and more at risk from sex gangs.

Half of all children in children's homes live outside their own local authority, despite evidence that this is often a major factor in causing them to run away.

Coastal towns are hit particularly hard by the influx, as care costs are often lower.

Once a child is moved to the area, KCC bears the cost of education, which can be as much as £500,000 per youngster.

Laura Sandys, Tory MP for South Thanet – an area which struggles with a high number of dumped children – said the issue has gone on for too long.

"It desperately needs to be resolved," she said. "In Thanet we now have a situation where 243 vulnerable children from outside the area have been placed hundreds of miles from their original homes."

Ms Sandys said it was irresponsible of other councils to send their most vulnerable children to Thanet, an area with high deprivation.

Children's minister Tim Loughton said he would announce shortly the results of additional work carried out on how to ensure children are placed out of area only when appropriate.

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CAMPAIGN

Building airport next to 'deadly' munitions ship is just 'bonkers'

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ALMOST 70 years ago American cargo ship the SS Richard Montgomery grounded on the sandbank off Sheerness while en route to the UK loaded with explosives.

Despite a major salvage attempt and the removal of half of the munitions load, the vessel flooded completely and efforts were abandoned, leaving 1,400 explosives still onboard; enough to send a 16ft tidal wave against the Kent coast and blow out every window in nearby Sheerness.

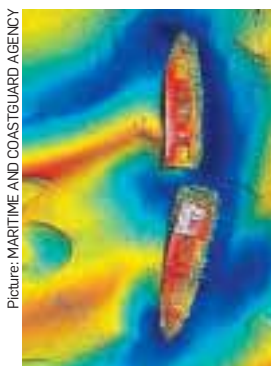
The sunken warship has remained since 1944 on the sandbank close to the Medway approach channel and to the east of the Isle of Grain, near to where Mayor of London Boris Johnson and architect Lord Foster are both looking to build a giant hub airport.

Campaigners argue that constructing such a development so close to a wreck loaded with explosives is madness, with co-chair of the Lib Dem parliamentary party committee on transport, Julian Huppert, calling it "bonkers".

His comments followed last month's release of the latest survey report by the Department for Transport into the condition of the wreck.

It found that while there had only been a small deterioration between 2009 and 2010, it would be difficult to make long term predictions on the future stability of the site due to the "dynamic nature" of the surrounding environment.

Three key factors were highlighted that would affect the future stability and deterioration of the wreck site: the strength of the hull structure;



Picture: MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY

the environment around the wreck; and the condition of the munitions inside it.

The DfT said the risk of an explosion was "remote" but this latest survey prompted an outcry by Mr Huppert, MP for Cambridge.

"This report shows the ship's slow deterioration is continuing, with the lethal cargo still on board," he said. "This must surely put an end to the bonkers idea of building an airport in the Thames Estuary."

"Just last month the Royal Navy had to destroy a wartime mine found in the estuary because of the 'significant risk to public safety'."

"If this cargo ship was disrupted by construction the explosion would be 2,000 times larger, it would blow out every window in Sheerness, and create a 16ft wave just outside the capital."

"The last time we tried to move a similar wreck it exploded. Without a credible plan to deal with this mess there's no way Boris's plans will ever get off the ground."

Ukip leader and Euro MP for Kent Nigel Farage, from West-erham, described the proposed

development as insane.

Writing for KoS he said: "Perhaps it's me being picky, but I wouldn't like to travel from an airport, let alone work there, which is in the vicinity of a deadly sunken ship from World War Two."

"An investigation in 2004 concluded that a collision, an attack or even the shifting of the cargo of high explosives in the tide could cause detonation... wiping out Southend."

Campaigners from Stop Estuary Airport have also expressed fears over an airport being developed next to a sunken warship.

In a structural survey of the vessel in 2009 by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, concerns were raised about deterioration in one of the holds containing thousands of bombs. But little change was seen in a further examination in 2010.

A spokesman for the Mayor of London said the SS Montgomery would need to be considered. He stressed, however, that engineers had found the wreck would not prevent construction of an airport.

A DfT spokeswoman said the most recent survey showed the vessel continued to remain in a stable condition and the risk of any explosion was still remote.

"However, as activity in the estuary continues to increase – including construction of a new container port – it is only right that we consider the options for ensuring the safety of those in the area," she said.

She added that no decisions had been taken about any future work on the ship and that the matter was completely unrelated to the ongoing development of the aviation strategy.



Picture: GILL EDWARDS

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Girl saved from blaze

A TEENAGE girl had to be rescued from a fire at a house in Folkestone. Fire crews were called just after 8.30am on Wednesday to Black Bull Road, Folkestone. The blaze is believed to have been started by an electrical fault in a ground-floor kitchen at the three-storey home. Firefighters rescued the girl from a bedroom on the top floor and she was treated by ambulance crews for smoke inhalation. A woman and a dog escaped from the property before crews arrived.

➔ Police hunt for helpers

TWO passers-by who helped a police officer dealing with an incident in Dover have been urged to come forward so the force can express its thanks. The couple offered to help Sgt Samantha Parker in Castle Street at about 3pm on Monday, May 21. She had been patrolling the town centre and found a small group drinking alcohol in the St James Street area. "I would like to thank them – the man said he was a former police officer and walked with a stick," she said.

➔ Did you see road rage?

DETECTIVES are appealing for witnesses to a road rage attack in which a motorist was beaten with a metal pole. The 27-year-old man was allegedly hit over the head and left with concussion and a head injury after confronting the driver of a van who had pulled out in front of him. The van driver got out armed with a metal pole and assaulted the motorist on Saturday, June 16, in Brookfield Avenue, Ashford.

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IN MEMORY: From left, Alfred Deller sings at Boughton Aluph; his son Mark organised a memorial concert of recordings from the 1950s

ENTERTAINMENT

Early music festival celebrates the 100th birthday of founder

By Chrissie Daniels

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THE annual Stour Music Festival founded by renowned counter-tenor Alfred Deller has begun – and it marks a very special birthday.

The festival, which celebrates early and Renaissance music, features a series of concerts performed at All Saints' Church, Boughton Aluph, outside of Ashford.

The occasion is especially poignant as it marks the 100th birthday of the festival's founder, who died in 1979.

Mr Deller was born in Margate in 1912 and is often referred to as the 'godfather' of the counter-tenor.

He formed the Stour Music Festival in 1962, after spending his career in the music industry.

His many achievements include singing the role of Oberon in Benjamin Britten's opera *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and forming the Deller Consort in 1948.

To celebrate his 100th birthday, festival organisers held a concert at the church on May 31. This featured his best recordings from the 1950s and was a rare chance to hear his voice again.

More than 200 people attended the event, which was introduced by Alfred's son, festival director Mark Deller.

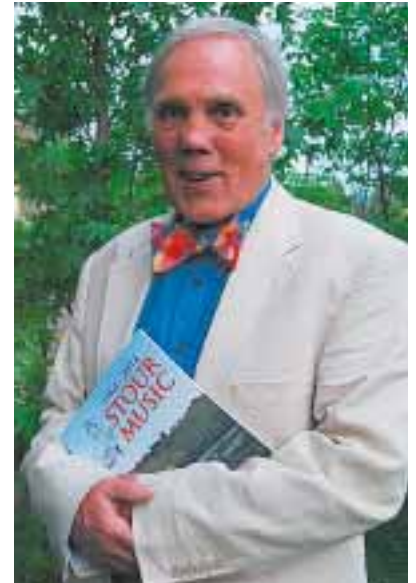
Mr Deller said: "It is now more than 30 years since Alfred died and there are many people who will not have had the chance to hear him sing 'live' as it were. With this in mind I thought it would be a nice idea to have him singing again in Boughton Aluph Church, albeit this time on record."

The evening also included an exhibition of paintings and drawings by artist John Ward, who illustrated many of the early programmes for the music festival.

Following the concert, the counter-tenor James Bowman CBE planted a tree in memory of Alfred in the churchyard where he is buried.

Mr Deller said: "When my father started a modest one-day festival in 1962, he probably wouldn't have imagined that, not only would it still be going 50 years later, but that it has become one of the leading early music festivals in the country, internationally recognised, and attracting about 4,000 visitors annually."

"Its continued success lies in the quality of its artistic programme, the fact it is deeply rooted



in the heart of the community, and, not least, the very special acoustics to be found in the remarkable church and its surroundings at Boughton Aluph."

The festival runs until July 1 and will feature performances from various counter-tenors.

Also performing are Ex Cathedra, His Majesty's Sagbutts and Cornetts, The Hilliard Ensemble, and The Gonzaga Band.

Visit www.stourmusic.org.uk for more about the events.

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FOOD AND DRINK

Thorley returns to his roots

ONE of the most well-known venues in Broadstairs is beginning a new life as a gastro-pub and restaurant after a £600,000 face lift.

The Charles Dickens occupies both a prominent position on the town's seafront and a special place in the hearts of generations of Thanet drinkers, but now owner and local company Thorley Taverns aims to establish it as one of the isle's leading eateries.

Indeed, for company founder and managing director Frank Thorley, 'the Dickens' is more than just another property, it being the first Thanet pub he acquired, in 1975, after expanding his operation out of London.

"We were the busiest pub in Kent shortly afterwards, doing 1,500 barrels of beer a year," Mr Thorley told KoS.

However, six years on from the purchase, what he calls "a health scare" and "advice from the doctor to take it easy" sparked what he told a large gathering at the official opening last week was a "rash moment" and he sold the Dickens to Grand Metropolitan.

Ownership subsequently passed to Enterprise Inns, but last year Thorley Taverns made an approach to buy the



RETURN: Phil (left) and Frank Thorley (right) with chef Tony Atkins

freehold of not only the Dickens but also nearby pubs The Captain Digby and The Tartar Frigate in a £3.5 million deal made possible by the sale of what had since become the Thorley flagship, The Fyreness Hotel in Kingsgate.

And now The Charles Dickens has been restored to its sparkling self, with Mr Thorley jovially telling an audience including Thanet South MP Laura Sandys that he recognised some of the carpets from when he had previously owned it.

The ground floor is a gastropub, while the two above host The Copperfield restaurant, which, given its position overlooking Broadstairs harbour, can justifiably be said

to have one of the finest views of any dining venue in Kent.

Phil Thorley, company operations director and Frank's son, told KoS: "The Copperfield is offering a modern British menu using only British produce. It has already been extremely well received – this is something fresh and new for Broadstairs."

As for the man who got the show rolling all those years ago, Frank Thorley said: "We've already got some nice pubs and restaurants here – now we've added another one."

Any final thoughts from the man whom many believe revolutionised the Thanet entertainments scene?

"I've been in the trade since 1971. I'm still learning."

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Pet lovers fear cat killer back on the prowl after poison claims nine lives

By Chrissie Daniels

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THERE are worries the cat killer who poisoned 10 pets in January is back, following a spate of recent incidents.

In the last month, at least nine cats have been killed after consuming antifreeze. All the incidents took place in Gillingham or Hoo.

Cats are attracted to the taste of the lethal substance and ingesting even a tiny amount can lead to kidney failure and death.

The poisonings follow incidents in January, when 10 cats died in St John's Road, Hoo.

Although it is not known whether the deaths are purely accidental, the high number of incidents has raised fears it is a deliberate act.

Owners fear the cats are being targeted deliberately, an act which faces a maximum penalty of six months' imprisonment and/or a fine of £20,000.

Hospital manager Jo Komoroczy, at Gillingham PDSA PetAid, said: "PDSA has seen nine cases of poisoning in cats in the past four weeks, which is significantly more than normal."

"Antifreeze is toxic to cats who find it attractive, resulting in some cats drinking it with dramatic and, sadly, often fatal results.

"We advise owners to be very vigilant about poisoning in general, as many everyday plants and substances can be harmful to animals."

Tara Brewer, of Sidney Road, Gillingham, lost three cats in three weeks.

Mrs Brewer explained how she came home from work to find the first cat, Brandi, four, "acting like she was drunk".

She said: "She fell off of the tumble dryer. She couldn't even walk. We took her to the vet who said she had been poisoned and it could be by antifreeze or lilies, but we have had lilies in our garden for years and so know it wasn't that."

Mrs Brewer and her husband Richard, who own 13 cats, thought they had caused the death.

Mrs Brewer said: "We panicked and thought antifreeze was in the house so we steam cleaned everything and moved everything."

Their 12-week-old kitten died soon after, also believed to be as a result of consuming antifreeze.

The couple kept the remaining cats indoors to keep them safe, but eventually had to let them out. Five days later, nine-month-old Ronnie also died after suffering similar symptoms.

Mrs Brewer put signs up around the neighbourhood to warn people cats were being targeted.

She said she wants to think the cats had



ANTIFREEZE: Concerns pets are being targeted

been poisoned by accident, rather than someone leaving antifreeze out to kill them.

She said: "What are they going to do? Put antifreeze down until they kill all the cats? If my cats were coming into your garden I would say throw water on them. You don't kill them. If I lose another I will rehome my cats that can't be indoor pets. I can't go through it anymore."

An RSPCA spokeswoman said: "Signs of antifreeze poisoning can be seen anything from 30 minutes after a cat has ingested the chemical, though it can be two or three days before signs of kidney failure are seen."

The RSPCA said symptoms include vomiting, appearing drunk and unco-ordinated, seizures and difficulty breathing.

CRIME

Huge £1.1m drugs haul hidden in frozen chips

A LORRY driver from Northern Ireland has been jailed for three years for attempting to smuggle cannabis worth £1.1 million through Dover port in boxes of frozen chips. Nigel Donnelly, 44, was stopped by UK Border Agency officers at the inbound freight controls on February 17, 2010. After questioning him, officers scanned the lorry he was driving and found an area within the load which needed further investigation. Officers searched the load of frozen chips and found 48 of the boxes contained chips and 339 kilos of cannabis. Donnelly denied the smuggling charge but was found guilty by a jury.

ARTS

Up to £1m seed fund for Turner Contemporary

TURNER Contemporary in Margate is to receive catalyst funding that could be worth up to £1m. The Margate art gallery is one of the 18 recipients of a government catalyst endowment grant. The cash is a seed fund and will be released to the gallery when it raises an equivalent amount. It is designed to bring more money into the arts sector. Director Victoria Pomprey said: "We have had a fantastic opening year, with a brilliant response from visitors, the community and from the media. It remains vital that we build on this success and secure the long-term future of Turner Contemporary."

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POLICING

Main parties announce candidates in race to become police commissioner

By Marijke Cox

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MEMBERS of the county's two main parties have selected the candidates who will go head-to-head in the battle for the Police and Crime Commissioner post.

Leader of the Labour group on Ashford Borough Council and president of the TSSA – a union representing the British Transport Police – Harriet Yeo won the candidacy for Labour.

Tory members cast their vote at the weekend's hustings and Medway councillor and north Kent magistrate Craig Mackinlay came out victorious.

The 45-year-old chartered accountant, from Chatham, is a current member of the Kent Police Authority (KPA), but will have to relinquish this post once his nomination papers are officially submitted, likely to be in October.

The pair will fight in the November 15 poll, which will select Kent's first PCC. The Lib Dems are not putting forward a candidate.

The PCC – who will serve a four-year term – will replace the existing Kent Police Authority and will have the power to hold Kent Police to account, determine a policing strategy, set the budget, and hire and fire the chief constable.

Former Rainham Mark Grammar School pupil Cllr Mackinlay, who represents the River ward on Medway Council, stressed that cuts in the force were a catalyst for change.

"Because of these cuts, Kent will see a new policing model; it will be at the heart of all policing.

"Link that with my skills as a chartered accountant and I can conserve

LOW TURNOUT PREDICTED FOR PCC ELECTION

FEARS have been raised that November's police and crime commissioner election will be nothing more than a damp squib.

Member turnouts for the candidate selection process for the Tories at the three hustings in Medway, Tonbridge and Canterbury totalled a dismal 300.

The Labour Party fared much better, with the turnout figure reaching 952.

Both the Labour hopeful Harriet Yeo and Tory candidate Craig Mackinlay stressed how important it was for the public to understand the role of the police and crime commissioner.

Cllr Mackinlay said the Tory hustings turnout was "in line with expectations", but admitted he did not expect November's election to have the desired attendance.

"This is a new election so people are not sure yet what it's about. We have to be realistic – the turnout in November will be quite low," he said.

Labour hopeful Cllr Yeo said the profile of the huge shake-up needed to be raised.

"It's important people understand what the Police and Crime Commissioner will do. They need to know about the elections so they have a voice."

main frontline policing with the budget that we've got," he said.

He pledged to cut police paperwork and bureaucracy so officers were free to get back on the beat.

He said his priority campaign messages included a total war on drug use and supply, accessible help to those seeking to get drugs out of their lives, and a 'no-broken window policy' of early intervention by the police, local authorities and other partners where early indicators of anti-social behaviour arise.

He also vowed to bear down on rural crime with a dedicated task group, manned by Special Constables.

His Labour rival Cllr Yeo was selected following a Labour policy conference last weekend. She received the call after discovering her home in the village of Kingsnorth had been burgled.

Cllr Yeo said she would not stand for cuts in the force and stressed she would

stop privatisation of the police and do everything she could to reduce the fear of crime.

"Police budgets have been cut by 20 per cent, nearly double what experts and Labour said could be cut – 16,000 police officers across the country are being lost," she said.

"I will begin campaigning straight away on five key pledges that Labour PCCs will deliver."

These include standing up for communities against the cuts and keeping police on the streets with neighbourhood policing.

Her other three pledges are: to back a strong and swift response to anti-social behaviour, with victims getting a response within 24 hours; to be tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime; and to protect the police from political interference.

She added: "We did not support the Government's policy of PCCs because we believe the £100 million would be



HEAD-TO-HEAD: Craig Mackinlay and Harriet Yeo will stand for the new post



better spent on frontline policing."

Independent hopefuls in the PCC race are former Mayor of Medway Dai Liyanage; Ken Little, from Whitstable; former Kent police officer Fran Croucher; and property tycoon Fergus Wilson, from Maidstone.

The English Democrats have chosen member Steven Uncles.

Yeo left with bittersweet victory after theft at home

LABOUR'S Harriet Yeo has spoken of her distress at being targeted by burglars the weekend she was chosen to stand in the Police and Crime Commissioner race.

Thieves stole items worth thousands of pounds, but the Ashford councillor said it was the loss of a piece of jewellery given to her by her father before he died that was most upsetting.

"He died when I was five and that was the last present he gave me," she said.

"My mum's engagement ring has gone. My grandparent's fob watches were taken. The most upsetting thing is the jewellery – and it was mainly gold jewellery taken. Those things are irreplaceable.

"They will probably just sell the gold and I imagine it will be melted down."

Her home in the village of Kingsnorth, near Ashford, was targeted while she was away at a Labour policy conference last weekend.

And ironically, she learned of her success in the party's PCC candidacy race as she spoke with police officers at the crime scene – just after attending a neighbourhood watch meeting.

"If it wasn't so upsetting it would be amusing," she said.

"I was stood in my house with officers when I got the call saying I had been selected."

Two laptops were stolen in the break-in and Cllr Yeo said the thieves had also eaten ice lollies out of the freezer and drank from a Coke can which may hold traces of DNA.

Cllr Yeo said despite the hard work of the police, she was not feeling confident they would catch the thieves.

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DRINKING

Shopkeepers to get help in dealing with gangs of underage boozers

By Chris Murphy

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PILOT schemes to help shopkeepers cope with gangs of under-age children demanding alcohol have been so successful they are being extended across the county.

Areas with high levels of alcohol abuse among teenagers were targeted by Trading Standards and Kent Police.

But they did not go in with all guns blazing taking licences away; visits were to help traders understand the law, and to also learn how to deal with widespread intimidation.

It is called the Kent Community Alcohol Partnership (KCAP) and also takes in anti-social behaviour.

Now, following astonishing results in Edenbridge, Canterbury and Thanet, other areas across the county are being encouraged to get involved. A new toolkit is also being introduced for traders to use in their own fight against local problems.

KCAP is led by Kent County Council's Trading Standards working with the Kent Drug and Alcohol Action Team, Kent Police, the Retail of Alcohol Standards Group, alcohol retailers, district and borough councils and the health authorities.

A spokesman said: "It can be very intimidating for someone working in a newsagent to be confronted by the large group of youths demanding to be sold alcohol.

"Our teams will go to the shops and help the staff understand what they can do, and what they can't. It's a better system than simply prosecuting them time and again and then taking away licences. That doesn't address the underlying problem of the area.

"We also have talks with young people to help them better understand how their behaviour affects others."

An independent evaluation by the University of Kent found a 28 per cent overall drop in criminal damage in the pilot areas.

There was also a reduction in reports of people being drunk or rowdy in public places.

Since the pilots were launched, the scheme has been extended to Herne Bay and Whitstable, Cliftonville West and Margate Central, Maidstone High Street, and Swanley.

Councillor Mike Hill, Kent County Council cabinet member for customer and communities, said: "KCAP has now been running successfully for three years and has made a real difference to



PROBLEM: Under-age drinkers blight many towns

tackling alcohol-related problems in communities. The KCAP toolkit, aimed at community groups outlines how they can set up and promote their own KCAP area with the full support of all the partner agencies."

And Chief Constable of Kent Police Ian Learmonth added: "A great deal of activity has taken place since that launch which has seen KCAP grow into the largest Community Alcohol Partnership in the country. I am very proud of the work that all partners have carried out to make this such a successful initiative.

"Kent is experiencing continued reductions in crime and disorder across the county.

"We know our communities tell us that excessive drinking is of concern to them. We have listened and we have put exceptional effort into the Kent Community Alcohol Partnership in response to those concerns."

The alcohol industry is also involved, and Jonathan Neame, chief executive of Shepherd Neame Brewery, said: "The best way to tackle alcohol-related disorder is through local partnership between industry and all relevant authorities to deliver targeted enforcement and education initiatives. KCAP is a shining example of this approach."

ECONOMY

Nuclear waste site consultation

BUSINESSES and residents attended a public meeting this week to discuss the controversial nuclear facility plans at Romney Marsh.

The Kent County Council-organised event on Thursday evening at the Marsh Academy was arranged to provide an update on the consultation for a possible nuclear research and disposal facility by Shepway District Council.

Also on the agenda was KCC's vision for the future of the area and a discussion by Folkestone and Hythe MP Damian Collins on the case for Dungeness C and government opportunities for growth.

One of the country's leading nuclear energy experts, Malcolm Grimston, was due to attend to give his view on the country's nuclear future.

Speaking ahead of the meeting, KCC leader Paul Carter said: "I have made my position on the proposed nuclear waste site clear. I am opposed to initiating any process that even entertains the possibility of building a nuclear waste disposal site anywhere near or around Kent."

People have until Friday, July 20, to make their views known to Shepway District Council www.romneymarshnrdc.org.uk.

EMERGENCY

Stuck teenage boy rescued from chalk pit

A TEENAGE boy had to be rescued from a chalk pit near Maidstone after becoming stuck.

Emergency teams were called around 9pm on Tuesday to the chalk pit in Pilgrims Way, Detling.

A 15-year-old boy had become stranded at a height of 15m in the pit.

Crews used safe access gear and a ladder to reach the boy and lead him to safety.

He is not believed to have been injured.

CRIME

Fake £20 notes alert for public and shops

POLICE are warning the public to beware of fake bank notes. Reports of young people using the counterfeit £20 notes in Sandwich have sparked fears that shops in Dover, Deal and Ramsgate are at risk. Kent Police say the notes are hard to spot and is advising people to check the feel of the paper, the raised print, metallic thread and watermark. Police say retailers should also continue to use UV detector lights if they can.

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HONOURS LIST

Queen recognises county's finest in Birthday Honours list

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FROM the county's chief constable to a basket maker and all the trades in between, the county's great and good have been recognised in the Queen's Jubilee Birthday Honours list.

Chief Constable Ian Learmonth (pictured) received the Queen's Police Medal which is awarded to officers for distinguished service.

He said: "I don't consider what I do to be special, but I've worked with some amazing people over the years and seen the profound impact that effective policing has on people's lives."

Victoria Pomery, director at Margate's Turner Contemporary, was recognised with an OBE for services to the arts.

She said: "The past 10 years has been an amazing personal journey and I am so grateful to all my colleagues, friends and family who have

supported me in developing Turner Contemporary."

Mary Butcher, from Canterbury, and Heather Clemence, from Tonbridge, were both recognised for their talents and services to the community.

Ms Butcher was awarded an MBE for services to basket making after 35 years in the industry and said: "I have taught people who have become traditional basket makers, and I have taught people to think differently about the basket making process."

Ms Clemence has volunteered at Sevenoaks' British Heart Foundation branch for more than 30 years and received a British Empire Medal for her long service.

She said: "The award of the BEM is a great surprise and honour. I must share it with all those who, over more than 30 years, worked together as fundraisers."

Dr Harry Christophers is a CBE for his services to music. He founded The Sixteen, a London-based professional ensemble

comprising choir and period-instrument ensemble.

He said: "It is one of the greatest honours to receive this award, and it is with enormous pride that I thank the wealth of wonderful musicians, supporters and audiences whom I have conducted and performed for throughout my career."

PC Kim White was praised for her work with the county's gypsy community.

Chief Constable Learmonth said: "She has given long and exemplary service in an area of police work many would shy away from, and has shrugged off threats of physical violence many times, using her charm and communication skills to defuse issues and gain trust."

Married couple Leonard and Yvonne Arnold are CBEs both for services to gymnastics. They managed a gym in Crayford and are the first pair to be awarded the gong.

Tony Redsell's skills as a hop grower are recognised with an OBE, and former Stour Valley Arts director Sandra Drew is an MBE.



KENT'S GREAT AND THE GOOD

KNIGHTS BACHELOR

Robin Boshier, formerly a headteacher at Fairlawn Primary School, Haseltine Primary School and Kilmore Primary School, Lewisham. For services to education.

CBE

Paul Carroll, senior civil servant at HM Prison Service, Ministry of Justice.
Dr Richard Christophers, founder of The Sixteen. For services to music.
Prof Christopher Rudge, formerly national clinical director for transplantation and consultant in renal transplantation. For services to transplantation and organ donation.

OBE

Leonard and Yvonne Arnold. For services to gymnastics.
William Brake. For services to business and charity in Kent.
Vivian Cooper, founder and chair of trustees at the Challenging Behaviour Foundation. For services to people with severe learning disabilities and their families.
Prof Mary Lovegrove, formerly head of allied health services at London Southbank University. For services to allied health care.
Victoria Pomery, director of Turner Contemporary. For services to the arts.
Anthony Redsell, farmer. For services to the UK hops industry.
Prof Peter Taylor-Gooby, professor for social policy at the University of Kent. For services to social science.
Jackie Westlake, team leader at the Big Society Team, Department for Communities and Local Government.
PC Kim White, Kent Police. For services to policing and the gypsy community.
Linda Wishart, head of knowledge and information management at the Department of Health, and Government Head of Profession for Librarians and Information Specialists.

MBE

Chief Superintendent Matthew Bell, Metropolitan Police Service. For services to policing.
Mary Butcher, basket maker. For services to basket making.
Christopher Capon. For services to local government and the community in Hythe.
Sally Carroll, founder and mentor at Transport for Sick Children. For services to child care.
Paul Chynoweth, higher officer for the Information Management Service, HM Revenue and Customs.
Sandra Drew, founder of Stour Valley Arts. For services to the arts.
Ruth Lapworth, director of laboratory medicine at East Kent Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. For services to healthcare.
Derek Lickorish, chairman of the Fuel Poverty Advisory Group. For services to the fuel poor.
Kenneth Martin, night network traffic controller at London Buses. For services to London's buses.
Bettie Morton. For services to community arts.
Roger Parkes, governor of Skinner's School in Tunbridge Wells, and chairman of the finance committee at Skinner's Kent Academy. For services to education.
Ralph Partner, voluntary worker, at HM Prison Standford Hill. For public service.
John Riney, for services to charity and to the community in the East End of London.
David Smith, intelligence officer at the UK Border Force. For services to combating smuggling and frontier crime.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Heather Clemence, fundraiser at the Sevenoaks branch of the British Heart Foundation. For charitable services.
Patricia Leviston. For services to the community in Cliffe.
John Teague, member of St Vincent de Paul Society. For services to the community.
Patricia Wenbourne. For services to the community in High Halden.

QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL

Ian Learmonth (pictured), Chief Constable of Kent Police.



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ROYAL VISITS

Rare black rhinos given royal send off by Prince William before flight to new home

By Joe Bill

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PRINCE William dropped into Port Lympne Wild Animal Park in Ashford to send off three critically endangered black rhino, ready to be released back into the wild.

Two female rhinos named Grumeti and Zawadi, and one male named Monduli attracted royal attention when Prince William, the Royal Patron of the Tusk Trust, paid a private visit to them and their keepers before their mammoth journey back to Africa.

The prince came face to face with Zawadi and even took part in hand feeding her as she was prepared for a new life in Tanzania.

Animal director, Adrian Harland, said: "Our dedicated keepers have been working closely with Monduli, Grumeti and Zawadi over the last few months.

"Their diet has been altered to include even more fresh browse and leaves, as this is what they will be primarily eating in the wild and the keepers have been with them using a lot of contact techniques in order to reassure them during the flight and at their new home."

The move, to boost reintroduced populations of black rhino in the wild, is a bold decision given the stark and current threat of poaching.



Pictures: CHRIS JACKSON

ALL SMILES: Prince William with Damian Aspinall during his secret visit to the rhinos at Port Lympne

With a wild population thought to number less than 800 individuals, eastern black rhino are the rarest of the three remaining rhino subspecies in Africa.

The Aspinall Foundation has successfully carried out

similar reintroductions and is confident the heavily guarded reserve will be the perfect place for the three rhino to give the indigenous population of black rhino a much-needed boost.

Port Lympne owner Damian Aspinall said: "This represents a massive step in the unique ambitions of our foundation.

"We have always been passionately committed to restocking natural habitats with species which have become critically endangered."

The three rhino flew from Manston airport to a refuelling stop in Bergamo, Italy and then on to Kilimanjaro National Airport in Tanzania.

DHL, the world's leading logistics provider, laid on a specially customised Boeing 757 aircraft specifically modified to provide safe and supervised transportation, during which the rhinos were provided with in-flight meals of carrots, celery, hay, apples, spinach and bananas.

Sir Richard Branson and Virgin Unite, the not-for-profit foundation of the Virgin Group, also supported the translocation of the rhinos by providing a donation to cover the costs of creating special comfortable crates for the rhinos to travel.

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WE'RE used to seeing the Duchess of Cambridge looking every inch the princess.

And despite donning a pair of wellies and being crouched next to a campfire, Kate Middleton still retained that effortless style as she met inner-city schoolchildren on a trip to the Kent countryside.

The Duchess joined the children in their activities, trying her hand at building a shelter and lighting a campfire.

She was also shown the tepees in which the youngsters camped overnight, and mucked in with cooking over the campfire.

The outdoor course is run by Wide-horizons Outdoor Education Trust at its Margaret McMillan House in Wrotham.

The charity delivers outdoor learning experiences to children and young people and enables schools in deprived areas to lead their own trips safely and at a low cost.

Head of centre Niall Leyden guided the

Duchess around the 26-acre site.

"Kate was really fabulous," he said.

"She walked around and talked to all the children. She was very at home with all the woodland activities; I would have her as an instructor here any time."

The charity works with schools to help transform young people's lives through outdoor education courses.

The Duchess met pupils aged between eight and nine from ARK'S King Solomon Academy Primary School in North Westminster, an area of high deprivation.

It was the school's first residential trip and for almost all the pupils it was the first time they had seen the countryside or stayed away from home.

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News

HEALTH

NHS payment to family after paraplegic's bed sore death

By Chris Murphy

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A FAMILY have won cash from the NHS after their father, who was riddled with pressure sores, died at a Dartford hospital.

Anthony Fluendy, 74, from West Kingsdown, passed away at Darent Valley Hospital.

A paraplegic since the age of nine following a spinal injury, Mr Fluendy was taken to the hospital after a minor stroke, and because of his condition was unable to move himself in bed.

As no-one moved him either, he was soon suffering from extensive grade four pressure sores to much of his back and legs.

Despite being identified as at high risk of developing these sores, he died from MRSA and blood poisoning.

His daughters hired medical law specialists at Irwin Mitchell, and now Dartford and Gravesham Hospitals NHS Trust has apologised to the family.

The law firm said there were "failures of communication", "staff were not as well trained as



LEFT IN BED: Anthony Fluendy

they should have been" and care was "woefully lacking".

At a Gravesend inquest, Coroner Roger Hatch recorded a narrative verdict which does not state a cause of death. But he did say Dartford and Gravesham Hospitals NHS Trust neglected to treat Mr Fluendy.

Daughter Julie, from Dartford, said: "We were devastated by the seemingly uncaring attitude of many of the staff at the hospital and the apparent lack of basic nursing skills.

"It was horrific and heartbreaking to witness our father die a slow and agonising death which was totally avoidable."

Suspensions all was not well were raised when Mr Fluendy

recovered from his stroke within 10 days, but the family was told he had to stay in hospital.

The law firm said a catalogue of errors then unfolded.

He was given a pressure relieving mattress, designed to reduce the risk of pressure sores, but staff didn't notice when it stopped working.

The tissue viability nurse, responsible for managing pressure sores, didn't examine Mr Fluendy until he had been suffering the sores for more than two weeks, because she had been on holiday.

As a result, the pressure sores got worse and Mr Fluendy died on June 18, 2010.

The Trust said: "We offer our sincere condolences to Mr Fluendy's family and accept the nursing care and treatment of his pressure sores did not meet the standards expected. We have apologised to the family and settled their compensation claim.

"The events that occurred prompted a significant improvement in pressure ulcer prevention and nursing care."



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SPORT

Ticket sales soar as track prepares for Paralympics

By Greg Miles

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BRANDS Hatch is in pole position to be the most successful Paralympic cycling venue of all time with ticket sales rocketing.

The motorcircuit near Sevenoaks is set to host four days of road racing, time trials and team relays at the Games in September, and the athletes are set to be backed by a healthy crowd, with thousands of tickets sold so far.

On Tuesday this week 160 athletes representing the 26 nations taking part were at the venue to put the facilities and track to the test as they fine-tuned their preparations.

The action will take place on 4km of the track, while also running on roads to complete an 8km circuit – meaning some roads will be closed from September 3-8.

Paralympic chiefs are hopeful the venue will provide an inspirational backdrop for both competitors and visitors.

Chris Holmes, London 2012

director of Paralympic Integration said: "We have had a great response to tickets, we've pretty much sold out on the Saturday. We've seen a fantastic response, what we are keen for those people living close to have this opportunity.

"The delegate from the International Cycling Union has said this is the greatest ever course for the road cycling, it's going to be awesome for the athletes.

"It's a unique opportunity to see the world's greatest Paralympic cyclists on your door step – it's a superb venue."

While the event will have an international impact, being shown live on television to millions of viewers, it will also have an impact locally, something Sevenoaks District Council is hoping to capitalise on, as well as manage in a way that doesn't affect residents.

Cllr Jill Davison hopes it will

give trade a boost as thousands of visitors flock to the venue.

"It must be one of the biggest things for the district I can remember," she said. "Our biggest industry is tourism and this is a showcase event.

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She said SDC, as well as Kent County Council, has been talking to those concerned about the impact it may have because of road closures, adding: "Most of the worries have been put to one side, in the balance of having the advantage of being put on the map.

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News

LITERATURE

Well-read towns book their places in the top five of chart

By Chris Murphy

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AS SEVENOAKS and Rochester appear in the top five of an Amazon list of the best-read towns in the UK, some independent bookshops admit they have a "love-hate" relationship with the online giant.

Godfrey George runs the Baggins Book Bazaar in Rochester, which comes in fifth in the Amazon chart.

He said: "We do have a love-hate relationship with Amazon, but I think we win when it comes customer service. We can be a lot more personal and can recommended new books to our regulars because we know them."

"And there is nothing to beat the feeling of going in to a real book shop and thumbing through the pages of a book you didn't expect to see."

"We do sell some titles for the Kindle, but I much rather sell a physical book you can hold."

The list was created to celebrate the start of the summer holiday reading season.

It is the second time Amazon has compiled a chart of the most well-read towns and cities in the UK. The ranking was determined by compiling sales of all books, magazines and newspapers in both print and Kindle format since June 1, 2011, on a per capita basis only in towns with populations over 20,000.

Topping the list is Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire, followed by Cambridge and Sevenoaks. Rochester came in fifth and Canterbury 11th.



Online retailer Amazon was launched in October, 1998, and has become a dominant force in the book trade.

Valerie Glencross, who runs Sevenoaks Bookshop in High Street, said of Amazon's dominance: "It is a world where we have all got to live together. Amazon has so much control over the market now, and the world of bookselling will be very changed in a few years' time."

"There is nothing like going in to a real bookshop. Everyone needs sometimes to hold a book, consider and take pleasure in the book."

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"Sevenoaks is extremely well read, and that goes across the generations."

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Crucial child care services are still not up to scratch

By Marijke Cox

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SOCIAL care chiefs have vowed to improve children's care services after a performance report found a number of areas still failing to make progress.

A report to cabinet at Kent County Council revealed that while key areas, such as the speed children are referred to a social worker, had improved, others remained lacking.

Five areas were flagged up for failing to achieve sufficient improvements, including the high number of children in care, and the rate of adoptions for looked-after children.

Low GCSE attainment for children on free school meals was highlighted, as well as the number of schools in an Ofsted category of concern, such as special measures or notice to improve. The number of young people not employed or in education and training was also highlighted.

But cabinet member for specialist children's services Cllr



FOR CHILDREN: Although key areas have improved the report says more needs to be done

Jenny Whittle said the council was on a "journey of transforming the service".

She said: "The report talks about the number of looked-after children, but when we take out the number of unaccompanied asylum seeker children, in Kent we're only slightly above the national average."

"There has been a significant increase in the number of applications going through the courts to bring children to care, mainly because of the after effects of the Baby Peter case."

"Councils are intervening earlier in incidents of child neglect and of course in Kent we

were working through the backlog of cases.

"I'm confident that over the next year we will see a steady reduction of children coming into care primarily because we have put a significant amount of investment into early intervention prevention services."

In February, members agreed to invest £2.7m into services.

Leader Cllr Paul Carter said they would be monitoring closely the reduction of numbers of children in care.

Last week, he wrote to London Mayor Boris Johnson demanding talks over the number of looked after children from outside of the county being dumped in Kent. He said he wanted to get all the London councils around a table to discuss the ongoing problem.

In November, 2010, KCC came under fire by Ofsted which found childcare protection "inadequate".

The report found cause for concern about most services to protect children. Improvements have since been made.

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HERITAGE

Spitfire lover brings WWII squadron back to base

By Chris Murphy

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THE launch of an amazing new display hanger at Biggin Hill aerodrome has brought home the famous Spitfires.

The Heritage Hangar is at the former wartime airfield, now a commercial airport, and was the dream of long-time Spitfire owner and pilot, Peter Monk.

The owner of Spitfire Mark 9 TA805 known as The Kent Spitfire and named Spirit of Kent is delighted the public will be able to see the historic aircraft.

Mr Monk bought the aircraft in 2006, and has recently added another Mark 9 Spitfire to his stable – the Borough of Bromley.

It was his intention to name the collection in memory of No131 (County of Kent) Fighter Squadron which was formed in 1941, entirely with donations sent in by the people of Kent.

The words Spirit of Kent were emblazoned on the Spitfire flown by the commanding officer, Squadron Leader Pedley, with the rest of the squadron bearing the names of Kentish towns such as



FLYING HIGH: Biggin Hill will house the display

Folkestone and Hythe, and Medway Meteor.

The squadron was unique in Fighter Command as the only one to be purchased by a county. It was stood down at the end of World War Two.

Two further Spitfires are also residents of the hangar, these being a privately owned rare Mark I, and a Mark 16.

In addition Mr Monk has recently acquired an American Piper Cub and a North American Harvard, with further warbirds to follow over the following months.

The launch was attended by two veterans, Squadron Leader Nigel Rose and Flight Lieutenant Rodney Scrase DFC, both of whom cut the launch ribbon.

One of the organisers, Robin Brooks, said: "With the sad demise of the annual Biggin Hill Air Fair two years ago the heritage hangar has once again placed the airfield firmly on the vintage aviation map and will soon rival similar sites based in different parts of the country.

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Any child who is interested in music may apply for one of these twenty-five Music Scholarship places at the Bishop of Rochester Academy each year. Parents who have seen their child develop an interest or talent in music are urged to ensure that their child benefits from this opportunity by applying for a Year 7 place at the Bishop of Rochester Academy from this September onwards.

As Music is one of the Bishop of Rochester Academy's 'Specialisms' the Scholarships are intended to support and enhance the standard and variety of music-making at the Academy.

"The Academy already has a strong musical culture and there is a lot of talent amongst the current students. Our students really enjoy performing," said Mr Boxall, the Academy Principal. *"And, as parents will know... learning Music helps children with their learning of Maths - it's very important that students achieve well in the Core academic subjects. The Academy's other 'Specialism' is Maths & Computing, which helps focus on Core Skills."* he added.

Students attending the Bishop of Rochester Academy through a Music Scholarship will enjoy a variety of benefits, which may include such things as free music lessons (instrumental and/or singing), free use of a musical instrument to take home for practice, free music-related trips, involvement in musical performances, school uniform, and a music-based curriculum.

Applicants will be considered on the basis of their genuine interest in music, their enthusiasm and their likely contribution to music-making at the Academy in the future. Successful students will be expected to attend ensemble or choral rehearsals and to take part in concerts and/or other musical activities.

"The Scholarships are for students who are serious about music - whether that's composing music, using the latest technology in music-editing software soon to be available at the Bishop of Rochester Academy; playing a musical instrument - traditional or modern; being in a band or part of an orchestra; or singing - choral or pop." said the Academy's Musical Director, Karen Fowler - who is co-ordinating the Scholarships.

"There is infinite variety in music-making in the world today, and through our Music Specialism at the Bishop of Rochester Academy we are aiming to help the young people of Medway to develop their talents in music, supported by these new Scholarships." she added.



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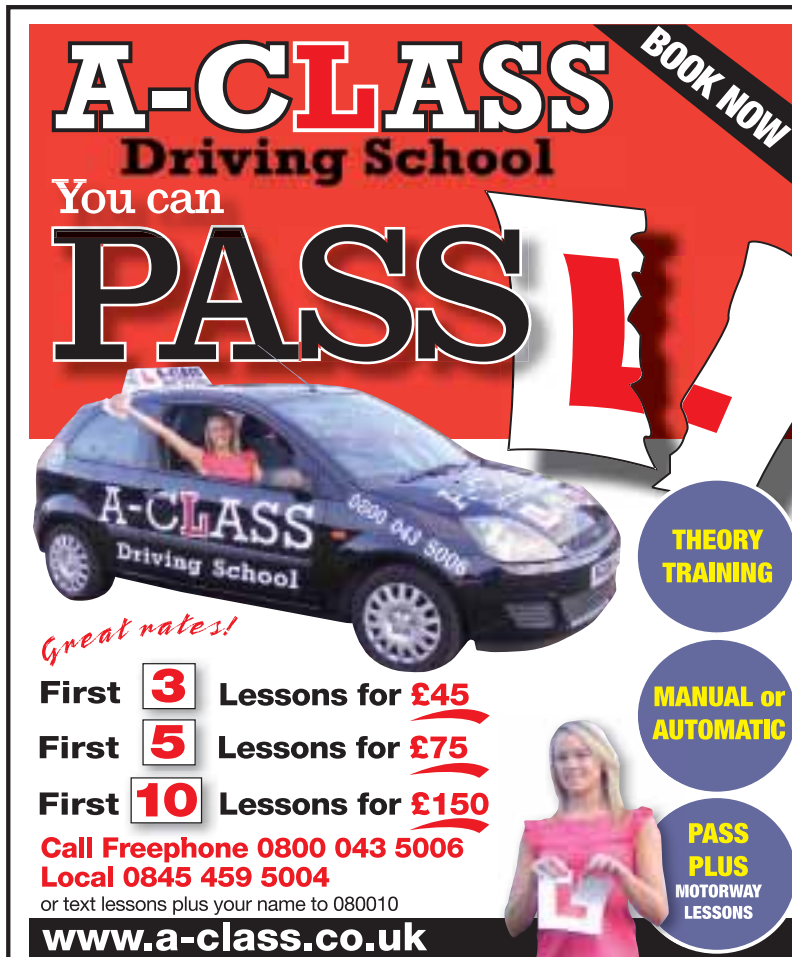
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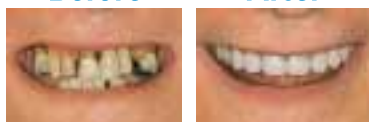
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WEATHER

Forecasters' gloomy outlook poses threat to tourism says parks boss

By Chris Murphy
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WITH lightning reactions, weather forecasters accused by a holiday park company of being a bunch of damp squibs always raining on everyone's parade, have stormed back to defend their trade.

A Kent parks boss demanded they look on the bright side of the bad weather we have been having, because the gloomy delivery of the forecasts is putting people off holidaying.

Tony Clish said they must stop dampening the spirits of holidaymakers by talking down the weather and exaggerating flood risks.

The director of Park Holidays UK, which has sites in Whitstable, Sheppey, New Romney, Dymchurch, and Swalecliffe, said: "Just last week we were told that all caravan parks in southern England were on flood alert, and this simply wasn't the case.

"Some parks in Wales did flood recently, but that's no reason to suggest caravans in Kent would soon be bobbing around on parks which have never flooded before."

He believes forecasters are afraid of being caught out after burning their fingers in recent

years with inaccurate predictions of a barbecue summer.

And while this leads them to try and cover all eventualities in their forecasts, he warns the pessimistic outlooks pose a threat to Kent's tourist trade.

He said: "Coastal holiday parks in Kent often stay dry when it is raining inland, yet forecasters frequently tarnish the whole county with a single wet-weather symbol.

"We're not asking them to bend the truth, but just to be more careful with phrasing.

"For example, they could say that while inland areas may have showers, coastal areas are expected to be dry. If one symbol doesn't tell the whole story on a weather map, we say keep it in the box" he added.

But BBC weatherman Tomasz Schafernaker denied they were "deliberately pessimistic".

The presenter on BBC South East Today, said: "I understand Mr Clish's frustration and there is a tendency for weather forecasters to emphasise on the negative aspects of the weather.

"Fundamentally that's what weather forecasters are for – to highlight the dangers.

"But there is certainly no reason why we would want to dampen the spirits or be deliber-



DARK CLOUDS: We have been hit by heavy rain

ately pessimistic. It's just that our job is to pick out the most important parts of the weather which can affect people's lives."

And a spokesman for the Met Office said: "We give an accurate representation of what the weather is going to do and keep the public informed whatever the weather.

"We are as fed up with all this rain in June, we wish we could always bring better news.

"But the weather is what it is, and we bring this to the public in an impartial and accurate way as possible. We are all longing for a spell of nice dry sunny weather for a few days."

CRIME

Extra 10mph costs speeding driver £2,000

A DRIVER doing 40mph in a 30mph zone has to pay more than £2,000. Philip Crowley, 43, from south London, was caught by a speed camera on the A28 Pin Hill in Canterbury in June last year. A spokesman for the Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership said: "He was driving a Saab registered to a woman at the same address. Crowley entered into an evasive session of correspondence before admitting being the driver. He was offered a speed awareness course which he failed to take up. He was then offered a fixed penalty which he did not pay." Crowley then failed to attend court but was fined £200, and his licence was endorsed with three penalty points, and he was told to pay £1,800 costs.

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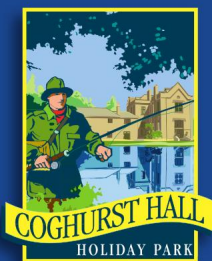
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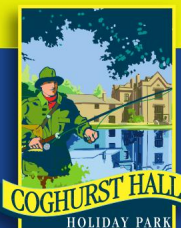
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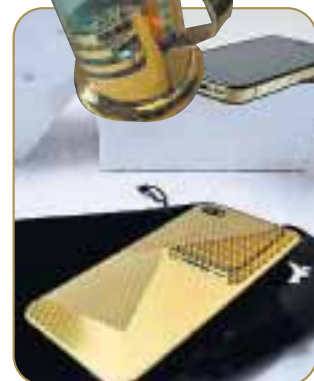
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HEALTH

Olympic plea to donors with super blood to be good sports

By Chris Murphy

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

WHILE super athletes from around the world get ready for the Olympics, blood transfusion bosses are on the hunt for donors with 'super blood'.

They are crying out for those with O negative (O-) blood.

All blood donors are required, but an analysis of stocks of O- show a shortfall.

Over the recent jubilee celebrations demand for type O-blood was 69 per cent higher than the number of donations being made. This reflects past public holidays like Easter, which saw a 25 per cent higher demand than donations, and Christmas with 29 per cent.

So with the greatest sporting event on Earth about to happen, the transfusion service is worried.

About 1.2 million people and 15,000 athletes are expected to visit the South East during the Games, so good stock levels of all types are vital.

Type O- blood, known as the



UNIVERSAL: Plea for donors

universal blood type, can be transfused into any patient regardless of their blood type, so being able to use it in emergencies can save vital time, instead of worrying about matching a patient's blood type.

NHS Kent and Medway said it is striving to boost figures by around 30 per cent above normal levels.

Dr Robert Stewart, co-medical director, NHS Kent and Medway said: "We know even regular donors can miss appointments when distracted by national events. With an increase in the number of visitors to the UK, it's important people still give blood, and don't forget

their appointments in the excitement of the football, Olympic and Paralympic Games and music festivals.

"Blood donation is important and each unit of donated blood, which is just under a pint, saves or improves the lives of up to three patients."

And in Tunbridge Wells, to celebrate National Blood Week, an event at the Royal Victoria Place managed to persuade 38 shoppers to register as donors.

New recruits were encouraged by existing donors, including Adrian Grayston, whose wife received a transfusion after suffering a bleed on the brain.

He said: "I started at university and so many friends and relatives have needed blood at various times; donating is the least that anyone can do."

Fellow donor Claire Outten added: "I donate because I want to help others and if I ever needed blood, I like to know others are prepared to help me."

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AIR ON SEA: At the peak of the hovercraft trade there were 27 daily crossings from Ramsgate to Calais

Hovercraft revolution on the cross-Channel route

By Chris Murphy

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THEY were one of Kent's most majestic and enduring sights – the sound and vision of a huge passenger hovercraft roaring in to life and speeding off to the glamour of Europe.

Now the sense of adventure for anyone climbing on board can be relived in an amazing new book.

Robin Paine, co-author and former hovercraft pilot, said: "This really is the definitive story. They were amazing craft – I could get some of the smaller earlier ones up to 85mph, which is astonishing."

The book is called, aptly enough, *On A Cushion of Air*, The Story of Hoverlloyd and the Cross-Channel Hovercraft.

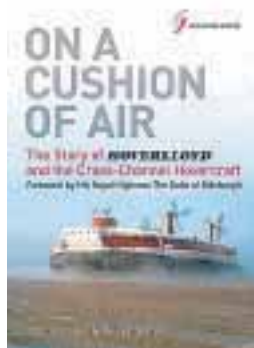
Keen fan the Duke of Edinburgh has supplied the forward, and the book is nominated for the Mountbatten Award for Maritime Literature.

It has been 50 years since the world's first experimental passenger hovercraft services.

Mr Paine, from Dover, said: "Reading this will transport readers back from its conception to the golden age of the giant cross-Channel SR.N4s."

Innovation in 1969 was already out of this world. Man had stepped on the Moon, the first Jumbo Jet was in the air, and at Pegwell Bay, Ramsgate, the passenger hovercraft service started. You could even take your car.

It was on April 2 that Hoverlloyd ran its first service to Cal-



JOURNEY: The new book turns the reader's focus to Hoverlloyd

ais, starting a technological revolution enabling people to cross the Channel at speeds never seen before.

Mr Paine said: "Truth is, they may never be seen again."

The book is the result of three painstaking years of research for Mr Paine and co-author Roger Syms, charting the rise and final fall of these incredible machines.

It includes the near disasters and government fall-outs, plus the sad tale of the cross-Channel hovercraft's eventual demise when they became too expensive to run.

Mr Paine said: "We felt it was important to tell the whole story of hovercraft development in order to put the part played by Hoverlloyd into context."

"Almost everyone knows about the cross-Channel hovercraft services that used

to exist, but the actual story of Hoverlloyd and how it came into being tends to remain forgotten, or glossed over at the very least.

"While the Dover-based hovercraft get all of the attention, our new book details the original, trend-setting operation that had its birth at Pegwell Bay.

"It's important to remember that, if Hoverlloyd hadn't existed, there would not have been any cross-Channel hovercraft services."

At its peak in 1978, Hoverlloyd was operating 27 daily, half-hourly, departures out of Ramsgate, bound for Calais. Carrying 1.2 million passengers a year, Hoverlloyd's service rivalled and out-ranked its cross-Channel hovercraft competitor at Dover.

Mr Paine added: "Whilst it is now just a memory, the hovercraft really was the pinnacle of cross-Channel transportation. Hoverlloyd developed the technology, ran the first regular service and drove the industry to become a household name.

"Our book emphasises on the importance of Hoverlloyd, what it achieved and why we shouldn't forget its contribution to British technology."

The 700-page book uses 450 historic photographs and heartfelt testimony from those who were there. It is available in bookshops and online from Amazon now.

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OPINION

Apprentices answer call for help

There are arguments over whether trading or training is the answer to our economic woes, **Paul Rees** says it's a combination of the two

I'M not someone to harp on about the recession but... the debates rage on – should there be better terms for employers to recruit staff with less commitment?

Would that in turn make workers feel less secure and be less likely to spend what they earn? Would this then slow spending further therefore compounding the problems the new policies would be designed to solve?

The UK appears to be finding it difficult to shake this recession. And, like in the new Avengers movie, the call has gone out to private businesses to trade us out of poverty.

So, in David Cameron's head the ideal scenario is for you business owners to work extra hard so your taxes can help the deficit – in turn the jobs you create will relieve the burden on the benefits system and we will start to see light at the end of the tunnel.

So far so obvious.

Raising capital through the bank to start or grow your business is tough. You start-ups can probably forget venture capitalists as well. Then all that are left are the sharks, and they fill me with more dread than actual sharks.

So how do you go about answering the call, increasing output, and building your team and your business? One way is to take on apprentices.

All I can do is set out what I see are the advantages to helping a young person to achieve their goals while simultaneously achieving yours at a bargain basement price.

Firstly it's not how it used to be. Once upon a time you would be called by a jobcentre and asked if you would be interested in taking someone on.

Sometimes that would work out, the person would be keen and you'd enjoy the extra pair of hands. Other times someone

would show up and you'd have to remind them what their name was.

However, fast forward to today and the platform has changed.

You now get to discuss your requirements with a human, then place an advert for your role on a national jobs board. You decide what personality type and skill set you want – exactly the same as a recruitment agency but 100 per cent free.

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Your apprentice will work their socks off for you

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So, this poses the question. Is it businesses, or the youth of today who have had the Avengers call from government? Do we trade or train our way out of recession?

We are convinced its both.

■ **Paul Rees is managing director of WMC Training in Chatham.**

KOS COMMENT

Speak up on the future of county's rail services

AFTER years of problems on Kent's railways, the Government is getting ready to sit up and listen to the people who have been shouting for years about the train service.

Yes, commuters are finally being given the chance to officially have a say on how things should be improved, and whether or not Southeastern's franchise should be renewed.

And they know the reality, having battled with chaos during the cold snap, changes to services, and sky-high fares; ministers will hear the facts straight from the horse's mouth.

So grab this overdue opportunity and make sure it doesn't slip through your fingers, this could be a chance to make a real difference to rail services.

Cheering on Roy's boys

WE'RE all hoping for an England win this weekend, not only to silence the critics but to lift the mood of the whole nation.

But whatever the result against Italy, just enjoy the Sunday – there might be enough sunshine for a barbecue, and pubs are predicting full houses.

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Disgusted by the oppression

IAN R Elliott (Letters, July 17) states the Church and State must not divorce – but which Church exactly?

The Church of England; a church which was founded so Henry VIII could divorce women when they didn't do what he wanted? What about Catholicism and Protestantism, both of which have been main (read: sole and compulsory) religions depending on who was sat on the throne at the time?

Britain is a multicultural country and it is wrong for any religion to assert its subjective ideals over unwilling citizens. Likewise it is wrong for any person or people to oppress any other person or people; how many wars have been fought to maintain this simple fact?

I am disgusted by how people such as Mr Elliott

wish to disregard these heroic efforts by blatantly promoting such outrageous and unjustifiable oppression.

Drew J Smith, Gillingham

Marriage is a right for us all

I personally believe same-sex marriage is not a bad thing but good. Every person on this planet has a right to life and a right to live their life as they choose.

Love is a very personal emotion and marriage is a way for two people (no matter what gender, race or background they have) to declare that they love each other and are willing to spend the rest of their lives with one another.

I wholeheartedly support the LGBT community and believe it is about time for the Church and State to separate.

There are so many religions with so many people having faith in different ways, gods and belief systems.

The State should represent every citizen of every religion equally – having policies and viewpoints which don't restrict or control the Church, whilst the Church shouldn't have a heavy influence on the State.

Charlotte Stuart, Tunbridge Wells

We focus on the children

ALTHOUGH it was useful to see county council leader Paul Carter highlighting the issues of vulnerable children sent to Thanet from London I would have hoped someone might have contacted The Margate Taskforce at Thanet District Council, which falls under my remit, and which has produced the evidence required to send to Mayor Boris Johnson.

For many years a lot of good organisations worked in isolation to alleviate the

problems we have in Thanet but it is only recently that all are co-located on the fourth floor at Thanet District Council and working road by road in Cliftonville to establish the facts.

This co-location on one floor enables the police, social, fire and health along with community groups to share information and work to alleviate our problems.

Building on Your Home Your Health and Clean Sweep experience we collate information to ensure resources are targeted and more effective. Ward councillors and residents ensure areas of concern are brought to the Taskforce's attention and it is a team effort.

I was also interested to see MP Laura Sandys featured on Newsnight. If she would like to contact me I would be more than happy to work with her and to advise that the work we do is not about personal publicity but the well-being of children and

the peace of mind of our existing community.

Cllr Iris Johnston, Cabinet Member for Community Services Thanet District Council

Tory rule is no longer a given

MAY I please thank the people who supported me by voting Ukip in the Tunbridge Wells East by-election.

We did not win, but the thousand votes I got made this the first county council election in which Ukip was a serious contender and came within a couple of hundred votes of winning.

Our vote share went up by 16 per cent, the Conservative share dropped by 17 per cent, while the Lib Dem and Labour parties remained static.

I, of course, wish the winner James Tansley well in his new position, but can assure everyone that the time of automatic appointment

of Conservatives to the county council has come to an end in Tunbridge Wells.

Chris Hoare, Ukip candidate for Tunbridge Wells East

It's time to oust David Cameron

SO David Cameron has lost the party more than 100,000 members.

Surely there is a message there for the party that the people do not trust Mr Cameron at all owing to the large number of broken promises and U-turns he has made. The same goes for George Osborne – a complete waste of time as chancellor.

It must be time for a vote of no confidence against Mr Cameron before he and his front bench do irreparable harm to the party.

RE Tucker, Sheerness

Cash could be better spent

THE new Bomber Command memorial looks really good. At the cost of millions.

If it was possible to ask those heroes where the money should have gone, I am sure they would have all said:

1. To the heroes and injured personnel of our current unwanted war in Afghanistan who are struggling to manage.
2. To the forces that are being made redundant.
3. To pay for badly needed equipment.

So many other things.

Adrian Ottley, Birchington

Nuclear dump is madness

SO someone has come up with a plan that it would be a good idea to store all our waste under Romney Marsh?

I would like to have Dungeness C built to bring employment to the area, we managed to build two power stations in the past without disturbing the wildlife too much. But this latest proposal is just plain nuts, if the powers that be read your newspaper, may I ask the question: before they came up with this idea did they consider using the disused coal mines all over the country, surely they are deep enough and safe enough to store our entire waste?

Doug Capon, Dover

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Elderly will pay price of 'simplified' tax rules

Q IT WAS announced in the budget that the age-related tax allowance for those between 65 and 74 is to be capped at the current £10,500 until the basic personal allowance for under-65s, which is currently £8,105, catches up with it. The age allowance will then be discontinued or, in Treasury parlance, 'simplified'. I understand that at present those who receive this allowance lose £1 of it for every £2 by which their income exceeds £24,500 a year. Will this income limit be removed?

A I HOPE Chancellor George Osborne understands the confusion his 'simplification' proposals have caused among pensioners. In his budget speech, he actually made it sound as if he was doing senior citizens a favour by abolishing a valuable tax allowance because it was complicated. Your letter sums up the situation spot on, except that the income ceiling for claiming the full age allowance is £25,400, not £24,500. And yes, when the tax threshold for under-65s catches up with the age allowance of £10,500 – or slightly higher for over-75s – then the income limit will no longer apply. Everyone over 65 will receive the same tax allowance as everyone under 65. There is also a plan in the pipeline to tax the state pension at source, though it is early days yet to say when, or even whether, this will actually begin to operate.

Q I WANTED to invest in the Santander cash Isa paying 3.3pc interest, so took the money from my existing Isa with Nationwide, but Santander refused to accept any more than £5,640.

A I AM afraid you have slipped up by trying to transfer the money yourself, and you have now lost the existing tax exemption. To preserve the exemption, you should have got the two banks to arrange the transfer between themselves. Santander can now accept only this year's maximum tax-free deposit, which is £5,640.

Q PLEASE explain what has happened to the Post Office Investment Account. I have been told my passbook is no longer valid and the Post Office will no longer deal with my account. This is quite worrying.

A YOUR Investment Account is as safe as it ever was. We all think of it as a Post Office account because that is where everyone has gone for years to make deposits and withdrawals, but in fact the account is run by National Savings so your money is guaranteed by the Government. On the downside, the Investment Account is no longer as convenient. As part of its 'modernisation' scheme,

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National Savings has scrapped the Post Office counter service and abolished the passbook. In future, you must operate your account by post, and you will be sent statements to replace your passbook. With interest of just 0.75pc, I suspect you could find a more convenient account that will pay higher interest, too.

Q MY ELDERLY mother received a letter saying her state pension will no longer be paid by cheque, and it will go straight to her bank account. However, she does not have a bank account. There is no bank branch in her village. The nearest is a bus ride away, and she is getting past being able to travel. Why are cheques being stopped?

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Don't forget to pack the travel insurance

Small cost of travel insurance can cover a much larger bill should you suffer misfortune. **ADAM AIKEN** reports

OPTING out of buying travel insurance might make the cost of your holiday a few pounds cheaper – but it is a move that can backfire spectacularly, leaving you facing a massive bill if something goes wrong.

Most people's foreign trips are completed without problem, but things do sometimes go awry.

In 2010, British insurers received nearly 340,000 claims for medical expenses incurred abroad – a three-fold increase over six years.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office helped more than 3,700 Britons who needed overseas hospital treatment during the same year.

But while that assistance was no doubt appreciated, the Foreign Office does not cover the cost of any treatment or medical repatriation, and its help does not replace the need for adequate travel insurance.

"Being caught without insurance in the event of an accident or falling ill abroad could lead to you paying out hundreds, if not thousands, of pounds in medical care and repatriation costs," said Tom Bishop, head of travel insurance at Direct Line.

Within Europe, carrying a European Health Insurance Card is a sensible way to access local health services, but it is not an adequate replacement for travel insurance.

All it does is offer card holders the same standard of state-provided treatment that locals receive – and that standard is not necessarily equal to that we get on the NHS.

"It will also not cover any repatriation costs, which can run into tens of thousands of pounds," said Mr Bishop.

"We advise all holidaymakers to protect themselves by making sure they are insured against any losses in case the worst happens."

Because we all enjoy the benefits of our "free" NHS here in the UK – it is "free" in the sense that we don't pay for it at the point of delivery – it can be easy to overlook the actual cost of medical treatment.

For example, a one-night stay on a Turkish hospital ward costs £1,100, while a one-night stay in a Spanish intensive care unit costs £1,600.

And if you think that's steep, consider the costs if you fall ill in the US. Over there, the cost of a one-night stay in an intensive care unit can run into five figures; an angiogram can cost £20,000; and an air ambulance to bring you back to the UK from the west coast can cost £65,000.

The thing about all insurance – whether it's home insurance, pet in-



KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SIGNING...

READ the small print and know what the exclusions and excesses are.

Are you covered for terrorism? Depending on where you go in the world, this could be a useful addition to your policy.

More than half of travel insurance policies offer this as standard.

Incidents that happen while you are under the influence of

drink or drugs can be excluded.

Jeremy Cryer at Gocompare said: "The majority of insurers expect holidaymakers to have a few drinks on holiday, but where it appears their judgment is so badly affected as a result and this is proven to have a strong bearing on the circumstances of the claim, the exclusion could apply and the insurer may refuse to pay a claim."

surance or travel insurance – is that it is a distressed purchase.

In other words, you benefit from having it only when things go wrong, and if you don't need to claim, it can feel like you have wasted your money.

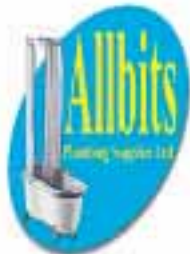
But the huge costs you could face if you have an accident or fall ill when you are on holiday illustrate how worthwhile a decent travel insurance policy can be – and even if you do not need to claim on it, the peace of mind it provides can make all the difference to time away.

Mr Bishop said Direct Line – which deals with more than 7,000 claims a year involving travellers who have been admitted to hospital – recently paid out £280,000 after a baby was

born prematurely in the US, with the bill including an air ambulance back to the UK: £150,000 following a serious road accident in the US; and £140,000 for a premature baby born in China, involving a two-month stay in the country.

But even more minor problems can quickly lead to big bills. For example, a customer who tore a ligament while on holiday had a claim of £750.

Jeremy Cryer, head of travel at Gocompare.com, said: "When you consider that a travel insurance policy providing several million pounds-worth of cover can cost less than a meal out, it's really not worth taking the risk of travelling without it."



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Olympics time off? Let's talk

By Nick Ames

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EMPLOYERS need to be flexible this summer to accommodate issues raised by the Olympic and Paralympic Games, say workplace experts.

With Olympic organisers predicting one million extra Games-related journeys into the capital this summer and demand for time off to watch events, conciliation group Acas has issued advice for Kent employers on how to minimise the disruption to their business.

With the Paralympic cycling at Brands Hatch and visitors travelling through the county to get to the Games, for business-owners and commuters this will mean finding alternative routes into work.

It is expected some 90,000 people will be arriving through the Port of Dover.

This could mean arranging to work from home or travelling to and from the workplace at different times.

Acas advises that employers need to ensure they plan ahead of the Games and consider more flexible working arrangements to minimise potential disruption, manage staff expectations and ensure business runs smoothly.

Paul Beard, area director Acas South East, said: "Kent is playing a major role in this summer's Olympics as official hosts of the 2012 Paralympic cycling.

"The county will be welcoming athletes from across the globe, with spectators, visitors and volunteers travelling through the county to get to events.

"Employers can avoid potential problems by planning ahead. Your business



BE PREPARED: Peter Beard stresses the importance of working with your staff in preparation for the Olympic Games in London

operations could potentially look quite different during the Games as employers adapt policies and procedures."

He said this might mean having a skeleton staff in the office while others temporarily worked from home and employers could also consider working round problems by temporarily altering the working hours to avoid peak congestion times.

"Employers may want to take a more flexible approach to matters such as working hours and location during the Games," said Beard. "Simply making small but significant adjustments will mean a happier and more productive workforce this summer."

The Federation of Small Businesses is recommending employers start talking to employees early to manage expectations and minimise the impact on productivity.

Agreeing with the employees that they can take the relevant days or half-days off as part of their annual-leave entitlement is the usual way – employees who do have tickets for the Olympic or Paralympic Games should be advised to get in early with their holiday requests and most should now know what events and dates they will be attending.

Roger House, FSB chairman for Kent and Medway, said: "The key for employers has to be collaboration with



their employees. Whilst there is no legal requirement to give employees time off to watch the Olympic or Paralympic Games, even if they have been lucky enough to secure tickets to attend, there is simply no point in turning down an employee's request for time off on principle alone.

"Not only will this serve to disenchant the employee, it may also result in them taking the time off anyway – phoning in sick or taking unauthorised absence.

"The golden rule is to try and take action to prevent this happening in the first place by being clear about what you expect from your employees in relation to attendance and performance."

CONSTRUCTION

Company is reaping a rich harvest in Kent

ONE of the largest contractors in the UK, BAM Construct UK, has announced that its work across Kent has exceeded one third of a billion pounds in the last decade.

BAM's trio of academies in Medway – Brompton, Bishop of Rochester and Strood – means the firm will have completed 23 projects across Kent since 2003, totalling just over £350 million.

Other works include major retail developments and venues.

"It has been a very engaging county for us to do business," said Rod Stiles, construction director for the academies.

"Ten years ago we were building developments for pharmaceutical giant Pfizer and retail clients like Asda under mainly traditional-style contracts.

"Design-and-build contracts have become a lot more common since then, which suits a business like ours with its in-house design capabilities.

"It's helped us with major developments like Whitefriars in Canterbury and Bouverie Place in Folkestone.

"We have been very fortunate to have worked in most areas of the county."

Recently the contractor, which runs its South East operations from its offices in St Albans, handed over

the £34m Bluewater Events Venue, having previously refurbished Marks and Spencer at the retail park.

It also completed a development for Tesco in Orpington.

Whitefriars in Canterbury, however, remains its largest single contract at just below £50m for Land Securities.

Its work in Medway, which takes the company over the one-third-of-a-billion-pounds mark in the county, follows recent work for North West Kent College in Gravesend and Dartford.

"Schools are always special to build because so much of the community becomes involved and we can help young people learn new skills," said Stiles.

PORT

Taiwan VIPs dock at Dover

A VIP delegation from the newly-formed Taiwan International Ports Co, which manages the country's four main ports, has paid a visit to the Port of Dover.

The delegation was led by the president of TIPC, Lee Tau-Hsin, who recently co-hosted a visit to Taiwan by the Under Secretary of State for Transport, Mike Penning, of which Port of Dover representatives were a part.

The aim of the reciprocal visit was to build on the strong relationship between the two organisations and provide guidance and assistance to TIPC in respect of the development of the Taiwanese ports as they move into the next phase of their expansion.

The partnership between

Taiwan and Dover was emphasised in August 2011, when the Port of Dover signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Keelung Port to further develop ties with the ports and the marine industry in Taiwan.

Port chief executive Dr Bob Goldfield said: "It was a pleasure to welcome the TIPC to the Port of Dover.

The visit represents the strengthening of our relationship with Taiwan and gave us the opportunity to showcase the port and highlight our world-class expertise in the area of port management and port development.

"We look forward to building a long-term relationship and working together."

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Call for firms to focus on new international revenue sources

In uncertain economic times, businesses are forced to look to new markets to thrive. So this week we examine ideas for revenue streams outside of Britain – in a county that has the best links of any with continental Europe. But we also take a look at what traps business people can fall into when working overseas... and how to avoid them.

NOW is the time to cast our eyes abroad, says a business group.

According to the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB), the combination of small firms still struggling to access finance and no short-term solution to increasing bank-lending, it is time the Government looked beyond the shores of the UK for imaginative solutions to finance the UK's economic recovery and growth.

And business analysts say that Kent is ideally placed to lead the way in looking for new revenue streams because of the Kent business community's close links to Continental companies.

In the report *Alt+ Finance: Small Firms And Access To Finance*, the FSB is calling on the Government to promote alternative forms of finance, such as peer-to-peer lending models, and to learn the lessons from other countries where routes to finance are varied, local, longer-term and reliable.

The report draws on examples of best practice from German and US banks that highlight fundamental weaknesses in the UK banking model: a lack of transparency and diversity of financial institutions, as well as a limited local focus and control of lending decisions.

The comparisons are stark, says the group: between 2007 and 2010 there was a 24 per cent fall in the number of successful loan appli-



FOREIGN FIELD: Businesses are encouraged to look to international trade

cations for small businesses in the UK, compared with just a 9 per cent decrease in Germany. A similar story emerges from the US, where its Small Business Administration's Government-backed loans for small businesses have been a key factor in its economic recovery plan.

Tony Greenham, head of finance and business at New Economics Foundation, said: "Our one-size-fits-all banking system is dominated by a handful of large London-based national and international banks.

"Their global vision leads inevitably to many local blind-spots, and the UK has consistently

underperformed our major industrial competitors when it comes to supporting SME finance and regional growth.

"We need a richer diversity of financial institutions and funding sources to suit the needs of our innovative and entrepreneurial smaller companies.

"This report moves the debate beyond berating big banks and offers instead a host of complementary and cutting-edge alternatives that can help the UK build a world-class domestic financial system to equal the City's status as a world-class international financial centre."

To deliver similar benefits to UK small businesses, the FSB calls for:

- An increase in peer-to-peer lending available, with the Government assessing the possibility of opening up its own investor account to give the sector a boost.

- The Government to consider bringing asset-backed finance into the Business Finance Partnership £1 billion fund. About one in three small firms with external borrowing uses this form of finance.

- Community Development Finance Institutions to be brought into the mainstream and the Government to look at the success of the US in boosting this model through Government funding.

- The creation of a debt bond market for small businesses that need greater funding (upwards of £250,000) for fast growth, utilising smaller investment exchanges.

Without a varied local financial system, the FSB fears the potential of credit easing will never truly be realised as Government struggles to distribute funds.

And, with Independent Commission of Banking recommendations not kicking in for several years, it is more important than ever to bring forward innovative short-term solutions and get to work on the longer-term task of building a new financial infrastructure with a local focus to protect our economy, innovation and jobs from future crises.

We're increasingly turning to global trade opportunity

FIGURES show the South East continues to be the largest area for exporters, with a value of £42.5 billion for the year ending March 2012, despite a 2.4 per cent value decrease over the annual period.

Total exports for the South East in 2012 Q1 were £11.1bn, while the value of exports for the UK was just over £75.3bn in Q1 2012. Exports from the South East grew by £25.2 million between Q4 2011 and Q1 2012.

HSBC analyst Ian Tandy said: "These figures show international trade in the region is continuing to grow, with many businesses making good use of export opportunities.

"It is encouraging to see South East businesses embracing international trade in export markets. The domestic market is still very important, but international trade is a large part of many companies' business dealings and accounts for a large slice of the region's business growth.

"HSBC is well placed to help companies trading, or aspiring to trade, internationally, with our UK export-related business growing by a third last year compared with 13 per cent for the UK economy as a whole.

"Our strategy is based around international connectivity, with our joined-up structure and global footprint giving UK businesses access to global expertise and support.

"We have increased our number of international commercial managers in the South East by a third and HSBC's £4bn International SME Fund is also proving attractive to businesses."

Firms have duty of care on business trips

BUSINESSES are being urged to remember their duty of care to employees travelling abroad as more companies prepare to expand into overseas markets as part of the Government's export drive.

There were more than 6.7 million overseas business trips made in the year ending July 2011, with employees facing some of the most tumultuous travelling conditions in decades caused by political unrest and natural disasters.

Despite this, leading insurance broker Bluefin, based in Gravesend and Dartford, says there is still a worrying lack of awareness among businesses about the employer's duty of care to workers undertaking overseas travel, with as many as 86 per cent of companies demonstrating a significant lack of awareness of the legal requirement to undertake pre-travel risk assessments.

According to a recent survey, 95 per cent of global companies have sent employees

on business trips to high-risk locations, making it even more important to carry out the right procedures – or businesses could find themselves being taken to court for negligence.

The warning comes from Bluefin following Business Travel Week, which raises awareness of issues in the business travel market.

Peter Castle, head of customer proposition, said: "With the Government encouraging UK companies to export more and to countries beyond the eurozone, there is likely to be an upsurge in employees travelling abroad, so making it essential that businesses understand their responsibilities for workers' health and safety when taking overseas trips.

"This issue has been compounded by political unrest in many parts of the world, including the Middle East and Greece, adding to the list of potentially dangerous destinations."

Under the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, employers have a duty to

undertake pre-travel risk assessments, which should identify the reasonably foreseeable risks that may arise due to the travel.

The assessment should cover methods of transport, travel itinerary, destination, the employee's particular fitness to travel and work overseas, their particular prior travel experience, trip duration and specific risks of the destination.

Castle said: "Employers should ensure the employee is aware of the types of risk to which they may be exposed and to take action to mitigate these risks where possible through a travel-risk-management strategy."

If a company breaches its duty of care, it faces an unlimited fine and remedial orders, and courts may also impose a "publicity order" to name and shame the company in the national Press. In some circumstances, company directors can be personally liable for gross-negligence manslaughter or for health and safety offences.

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Training, courses and careers

Blacksmithing course keeps alive traditional skills

THE traditional craft of blacksmithing is being revived with a new course at Canterbury College.

Budding blacksmiths will be able to learn their trade in the New Dover Road campus' metal workshops from September. The Level 3 City & Guilds qualification will make up part of the engineering design and craft studies year-long course.

Canterbury College will become the South East's first college to offer blacksmithing qualifications at such a level.

Students will use the college's specialist equipment, including a forge, to produce metal items such as gates, railings, furniture, sculptures and more.

Section manager Michael Gaughran said: "It's a traditional craft that dates back thousands of years but still has many contemporary uses.

"It's a very hands-on subject that engages students both artistically and practically which is why we incorporated it into the welding curriculum. There aren't many places locally for blacksmiths to train, despite the craft enjoying a recent resurgence. That is why we're aiming to keep the tradition alive."

The course tutors are in contact with blacksmiths across Kent, some of whom have expressed an interest in taking on apprentices. Community-based projects are also planned.

As well as the Level 3 blacksmithing qualification, the college has a Level 2 qualification. It may be possible for prospective students to join the Level 3 course straight away, depending on previous experience and qualifications.

Minister to open apprentices and jobs fair in Thanet

THANET'S two MPs are hosting a Jobs and Apprenticeships Fair at the Winter Gardens in Margate.

The event on Tuesday, June 26, from 10am-3pm, has been organised by Conservative MPs Laura Sandys and Sir Roger Gale, and will be officially opened by employment minister Chris Grayling.

Ms Sandys said: "Hundreds of jobs and apprenticeships in a wide variety of sectors will be on offer on the day. This is a fantastic opportunity for jobseekers to meet with lots of local employers all under one roof.

"We already have over 50 exhibitors confirmed ranging from small independent businesses right through to some of the biggest household names. It's going to be a one-stop shop with free workshops on offer providing useful tips on CV writing and interview skills.

"We'll also have start-up and apprentice advice for anyone thinking of pursuing a different route."

Sir Roger added: "We know there are many people, of all ages, in Thanet who want to work or who want training or who want to change jobs.

"There are also, contrary to popular belief, many opportunities available and this fair is designed to bring the two together and help match would-be employers with would-be employees.

"While there are a number of agencies engaged in this already, experience shows events of this kind can make a difference."

For more information email jobsfair@telllaura.org.uk or visit www.telllaura.org.uk/jobs-and-apprenticeships-fair.

Firefighter recruits fly through training course to join airport's crews

THREE new recruits to the crucial business of safety management at Biggin Hill Airport have joined the facility's fire service.

The moves follows their initial training at the International Fire Training School in County Durham.

The three new recruits at the famous World War Two airport are Peter Sambrook, aged 25, from Biggin Hill; Mark Moore, 32, from Edenbridge; and the youngest recruit Vanessa Hopkins, aged 19, from Orpington.

Their six-week training course covered all the basics including the theory of aviation firefighting, basic firemanship, and hose-running.

They also went through simulated practical training on representative types of aircraft, an introduction to breathing apparatus, and applying first aid.

Following final examinations and assessments from practical tests, all three trainees were awarded the Civil Aviation Authority's Basic Aviation Firefighting qualification as Airport Firefighters.

The trio now join the 20-strong airport fire team, with Vanessa joining Blue Watch, and Peter and Mark lining up along-

side colleagues in Red Watch.

"They now have the basic skills for the job, though plenty of training lies ahead of them," said Andy Mellers, who is senior airport fire officer and leads the team.

Firefighters at Biggin Hill are trained to handle additional duties such as aircraft marshalling and baggage handling as well as aircraft de-icing and snow clearance for during winter periods.

Officials say this mix of roles ensures variety and interest in their working day as well as advancing their skills and job satisfaction.

Each job provides permanent full-time employment and as experience and proficiency is gained, promotion to higher grades such as crew manager and watch manager offer a career advancement structure on the job, and also throughout the national and international aviation industry.

Vanessa said that she was delighted to be joining the team and to be working in a key area of airport operations.

"The training was quite demanding and very comprehensive.

"My new life in the fire team at Biggin Hill brings plenty of variety and new challenges every day and it is what I want to do" she said.



FIREFIGHTER: Vanessa Hopkins has started her new career at Biggin Hill Airport

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Scholarship for conservation student

AN archaeological and museum conservator from Sittingbourne has been awarded a £15,000 Queen Elizabeth Scholarship to complete the second and final year of her conservation for archaeology and museums MSc at University College London.

Emma Payne, 25, was awarded her Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST) scholarship by the Duke of Gloucester at a ceremony last week.

The QEST was endowed by the Royal Warrant Holders Association to advance education in modern and traditional crafts and trades in the UK. Scholarships of up to £15,000 are open to men and women of all ages and are awarded

twice a year. Since 1991, the Trust has awarded £1.7 million to 253 craftsmen and women aged between 17 and 50-plus to develop their skills through study, training and work experience.

Eleven awards were made this spring, totalling £125,900.

During Emma's MA, she worked as a conservation and collections care assistant at the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology, assessing the delicate prehistoric Egyptian artefacts in order to design and make suitable packaging for them. Previously, she had volunteered for the Sittingbourne CSI Project working on Anglo-Saxon artefacts.

Winning a QESTscholarship will ensure Emma

can complete the course. "It will provide me with a practical postgraduate qualification," she explained. "Since the course comes with the guarantee of practical work at a site or museum in the second year, it will also allow me to enhance my portfolio at the same time as gaining a recognised qualification."

QEST, the charitable arm of the Royal Warrant Holders Association, was established in 1990 with money contributed by its members, to mark the 90th birthday of the Queen Mother and the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Association.

Trustees look for well thought-out projects, which will contribute to the UK's pool of talent.

Schools & education

Commons Speaker's full of praise for college students who spoke out

MIDKENT College Students' Union has been praised by the Speaker of the House of Commons for its efforts in improving local transport.

Last March the SU hosted a travel debate to enable students to air their grievances in public, resulting in bus company Arriva launching several new services to the Medway campus.

The success of the campaign has now gained national attention after the union finished second in the 16-19 age category of

the Speaker's School Council Awards – judged by Speaker John Bercow, among others.

SU president James Phillips, said: "We are really pleased the student voice at MidKent College is being listened to by Arriva, and the hard work of our volunteers has been recognised by the Speaker's School Council Awards."

"We are thankful to all of those who have supported us in this process."

Topics covered at the travel

debate – which has also been shortlisted for a National Union of Students award – included the scrapping of the Education Maintenance Allowance, the rising cost of public transport, and problems with student travel schemes.

Medway councillors Vince Maple, Andrew Mackness and Geoff Juby also participated in the event, as did Gillingham MP Rehman Chishti and representatives from the train provider Southeastern.

UCA rising stars winning the plaudits at Graduate Fashion Week

FASHION students from the University for the Creative Arts started at Graduate Fashion Week 2012 by taking three of the top 10 places in the prestigious Gold Award final.

Collections from James Walker, Alice Griffiths and Emma Beaumont ensured UCA had the most students shortlisted for the £20,000 grand prize at Earls Court, out of the 40 institutions and 1,000 students entered.

UCA did not leave GFW empty-handed as BA (Hons) fashion journalism student Kerrie Donnelly won the media and design award.

Now, in its 21st year, GFW showcases the best BA graduate fashion design talent in the UK and offers students a platform to launch their careers thanks to the national press coverage and industry engagement.

Gold award nominee, Emma Beaumont who studied BA (Hons) fashion atelier at UCA Rochester, said: "I'm so happy to have got this far in such a major, national competition."

"GFW has been a fantastic experience; I've met lots of important people, received great exposure and feel really positive about starting a career in the fashion industry."



ON TREND: Fashion student Emma Beaumont

Donna Ives, associate dean of fashion at UCA, said: "I think it's a really big achievement for UCA to have three students reach the Gold Award final. It's great to see that our students are producing some of the best work in the country which is re-affirming for the staff and the university."

"Many of our students who didn't reach the final are also winners because brands such as Burberry have approached our students after seeing their work at GFW – so it's an amazing event for all of our graduating students."

School's young businesspeople are taking nature all the way to the final

A TEAM of teenage entrepreneurs who set up their own business helping children learn about the natural world have made it into the final of a prestigious business competition.

The students from Beech Grove Academy in Nonington, near Deal, saw off stiff competition from seven other teams to win the overall Best Company Award at the South East Young Enterprise Innovation Awards 2012.

The dozen 16-17 year-olds

will now be heading to London on July 1-3 for the UK finals of the HSBC Young Enterprise Innovation Awards 2012 at the Intercontinental Hotel.

There, they will compete against 12 teams for the title of the UK's Best Young Enterprise Company 2012.

All the students in the regional final had set up their own businesses over the past year.

The Beech Grove Academy students set up set up Link2Nature after deciding to offer chil-

dren fun ways to play and learn that weren't based around a TV or video screen.

They produced two nature baskets for children – Nature Treasures and Nature Blocks – full of natural materials, such as building blocks, pine cones, shells, and sheep's wool.

In addition they wrote and illustrated a children's story book, The Adventures of Piney Conus. They managed a turnover of more than £9,000 and a net profit margin of 64 per cent.



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To apply please submit with your application to Kay McGowan, HR Manager, a letter outlining your reasons for wanting this position, together with evidence of why you are suitable for the role, and how you have developed your skills in previous roles in readiness for this position.

Further details and application forms may be obtained from our HR Manager by email at k.mcgowan@thamesview.kent.sch.uk or by telephoning 01474 566552 ext 8081120.

Closing Date: 3rd July 2012 (10.00 am)
Interviews: Week Commencing 9th July 2012

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15 June 2012

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

PROW - CITY OF CANTERBURY

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH CW57, SEASALTER)

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2010

On 31 May 2012 an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by deleting the full width of the entire length of public footpath CW57, which commences at NGR TR 0570 6484 (point A on the Order plan) and runs in an easterly direction for 528 metres to NGR TR 0622 6477 (point B on the Order plan) (between the points A and B on the Order plan).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there.

This Order became operative as from 31 May 2012 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(iii) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 24 June 2012 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

PROW - DISTRICT OF DOVER

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (FOOTPATH ER297 AT RINGWOULD WITH KINGSDOWN)

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

On 23 May 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a Footpath with a width of 1.5 metres which commences at its connection with public footpath ER7 at NGR TR 3759 4811 (point A on the Order plan) and runs in an easterly direction for 118 metres to its connection with public footpath ER8 at NGR TR 3771 4811 (point B) (between the points A-B on the Order plan).

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PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO

TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZSX39

IN THE PARISH OF SHEERNESS

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZSX39, SHEERNESS)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath ZSX39 between Granville Road and Millennium Way from the 6th July 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that work will start immediately and should take no more than 5 days.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via Granville Road and Rose Street to Millennium Way

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE & MALLING AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS, MR551, MR552, MR552A, MR553, MR554, MR555/WT170, MR557, MR557A, MR558/WT183 AND WT172.

IN THE PARISHES OF CAPEL AND EAST PECKHAM

(PUBLIC FOOTPATHS MR551, MR552, MR552A, MR553, MR554, MR555/WT170, MR557, MR557A, MR558/WT183 AND WT172)

(PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Rights of Way:

MR551 between National Grid Reference NGR TQ 667 473 & NGR 669 478

MR552 between NGR 669 474 & the River Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547)

MR552A between NGR 669 474 & NGR 667 473 (junction with public footpath MR554),

MR553 between Banbridges Road and NGR 673 477

MR553 between NGR 670 476 & NGR 668 476 (public footpath MR551)

MR554 between NGR 667 473 & NGR 667 474 (public footpath MR551)

MR555/WT170 between the Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547) & NGR 657 470

MR557 between the Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547) & NGR 659 471

MR557A between the Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547) & NGR 664 471

MR558/WT183 between NGR 663 471 & NGR 665 469

WT172 between NGR 665 469 & NGR 665 470

The paths will be closed for a maximum of 22 days from the 16 June until the 7 July 2012, although it is expected that some routes will be closed later and reopened earlier.

The paths are to be closed because works are planned on or near them and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

Safe alternative routes will be available and waymarked for the duration of the closure.

A map showing both the routes closed and the alternative routes available may be viewed at kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

For detailed enquiries please contact:

Michele Snoding or David Munn

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
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Dated: 24th June 2012



PLANNING

Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/12/00447/FUL: 75 Central Parade, Herne Bay, CT6 5JQ Change of use from restaurant (Use Class A3) to take-away (Use Class A5).
Applicant: GLNH Ltd Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00461/LB: Estates Buildings Office, University of Kent, Giles Lane, Blean, CT2 7NN Listed building consent for roof alterations to building within the curtilage of Hoath Court Farm House. Applicant: Mr Hornsey Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA/12/00624/FUL: Land adjacent to Fundy, Grove Ferry Hill, Chislet, CT3 4DH Erection of outbuilding. (Retrospective).
Applicant: Mr Rodney Tarry Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00789/ADV: 1 Guildhall Street, Canterbury, CT1 2JQ Internally illuminated fascia sign. Applicant: Glory Windows Ltd Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00898/FUL: Brookside Lodge, Patricbourne Road, Bridge, CT4 5BL Erection of single-storey extension to rear of dwelling.
Applicant: Mr Cramer Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00906/FUL: 15 New Street, St Dunstan's, Canterbury, CT2 8AU Alteration of timber storage shed to front of dwelling.
Applicant: Mr C J Alcock Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA/12/00915/FUL: Land adjacent to 38 Whitstable Road, Canterbury, CT2 8DQ Erection of three flats with associated parking. (Resubmission).
Applicant: Lewis Nedas and Co Solicitors Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00922/FUL: 55 London Road, Canterbury, CT2 8HQ Change of use from care home (Use Class C2) to training centre (Use Class D1).
Applicant: The Pilgrims Hospice Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00923/CAC: Land corner of Essex Street and Forge Lane, Whitstable Demolition of hall in connection with redevelopment of site to provide one pair of semi-detached dwellings and one single bed unit. Applicant: JDS Homes Ltd Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
CA/12/00924/FUL: House at 55 London Road, Canterbury, CT2 8HQ Change of use from Use Class C2 (residential care home) to Use Class C4 (house in multiple occupation). Applicant: The Pilgrims Hospice Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00938/FUL: Land corner of Essex Street and Forge Lane, Whitstable Demolition of hall and erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings and one single bed unit. (Revised scheme). Applicant: JDS Homes Ltd Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00942/LB: 43 St Peter's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2BG Installation of boiler flue to rear and signwriting to existing fascia.
Applicant: Mrs Louise Thomas Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/12/00956/FUL: Meadow View, Canterbury Road, Herne, CT6 7JY Addition of balcony to rear elevation of annexe. Applicant: Mr T Wells Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00969/FUL: Herne Bay Court, Canterbury Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5TE Erection of retirement village comprising retention of main building and conversion to village club house, provision of health and wellness centre, spa with landscaping works and other works.
Applicant: Partners - to Group Centre Ministries Reason: Contrary/Major/Conservation.
CA/12/00973/FUL: The Herdsman, Homeside Farm, Bossingham, Upper Hardes, CT4 6AR Erection of two-storey side and first-floor rear extension to dwelling incorporating balcony to rear elevation. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Wells Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00981/LB: 1 Guildhall Street, Canterbury, CT1 2JQ Internally illuminated fascia sign. Applicant: Glory Windows Limited Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.management@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before Monday 16 July 2012.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 22 June 2012

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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

- 12/01665/HOUSE Mounts Farm Barn Cranbrook Road, Benenden
- Alterations to garage block previously approved under TW/09/00708. Conversion of stable block to form home office/hobbies room/shower room (LB)
- 12/01504/FUL Clockhouse Mews Swaylands, Bidborough
- Alterations, extension & conversion to residential use comprising Swaylands main bdg 22 units, stables 6 units, 2 no. apartment bldgs of total 20 units, extension to Dairy Cottage, erection of 1no. dwelling, erection of garage blocks, demolition of outbuilding, restoration of landscape and installation of sewage treatment plant. (previous application TW/00/02547)/(02/01006/FUL refers) - Variation of condition 26 to allow for the erection of a new bin store positioned adjacent to the existing car park (LB)
- 12/01507/FUL Clockhouse Mews Swaylands, Bidborough
- Covered bin store adjacent to car parking serving Clockhouse Mews (LB)
- 12/01514/LBC Clockhouse Mews Swaylands, Bidborough
- Listed Building Consent: Covered bin store adjacent to car parking serving Clockhouse Mews (LB)
- 12/01647/FUL Brencley Cricket Club The Green, Brencley
- Demolition of sports pavilion and replace with new sports pavilion (CA)
- 12/01649/CAC Brencley Cricket Club The Green, Brencley
- Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of sports pavilion (CA)
- 12/01707/LBC 1 The White House High Street, Brencley
- Single-storey extension with catlside roof over incorporating a single bedroom and new conservation rooflights (LB)
- 12/01538/HOUSE Saffron House Nevill Park, Broadwater
- Oak framed double garage (CA)
- 12/01705/HOUSE 6 Hungershall Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Broadwater
- Swimming pool under terrace at rear (CA)
- 12/01423/LBC The Heath Stores The Heath, Horsmonden
- Listed building consent - installation of a twin-wall, insulated stainless steel multi-fuel chimney to the rear (LB)
- 12/01542/HOUSE 6 Prospect Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park
- Conservatory at rear (CA)
- 12/01660/HOUSE 12 Mountfield Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park
- Demolition of rear extension and replace with three storey extension (CA)
- 12/01684/HOUSE 34 Prospect Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park
- Single-storey rear and side extension (CA)
- 12/00379/FUL Sunhill Court High Street, Pembury
- Solar photovoltaic panels on existing roof surface. No change of use (CA)
- 12/01477/FULMJ St James Court Wood Street, St James
- Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 11 houses (MAJOR) (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROV) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
Dated: 23 June 2012



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THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/12/0884/S - WRENS NEST, HEADCORN ROAD, GRAFTY GREEN, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2AP - Retrospective listed building consent application for the erection of a single storey garden/hobbies room with link to main house (amendments to application MA/11/1250). Reason: 3

MA/12/0917/S - UPPER FOWLE HALL FARM, WILLOW LANE, PADDOCK WOOD, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 6PF - Demolition of existing vacant barn and change of use to residential use. Erection of three 4-bed detached houses with integral garages and two 3-bed semi-detached houses with parking. Reason: 1

MA/12/0945/S - KELSHAM FARM, FOUR OAKS ROAD, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9NY - Erection of an orangery extension to the rear of the existing dwelling. Reason: 1

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than 8th July 2012 quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman: Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. Dated: 24th June 2012.



Proposed Disposal of Land Forming Part of an Open Space

In accordance with section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, the District Council of Shepway hereby gives notice of its intention to dispose by way of lease the areas of open space situated in Hawkinge set out in the schedule to this notice. It is intended to grant leases to Hawkinge Town Council which will continue to use the areas as open space.

Any representations about the proposed disposals should be made in writing either by letter or e - mail to Paul Marshall, Estate Management Officer, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY, e - mail paul.marshall@shepway.gov.uk no later than 1 July 2012.

Schedule

Areas of open space adjoining the following streets

- Underwood
- Kettle Drive
- Heron Forstal Avenue (next to the Hawkinge Community Centre)
- Haven Drive
- Proctor Walk/ Pannell Drive

Chris Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY

Date: 17 June 2012

Public Notice

24 June 2012



Notice is hereby given that John Hawkins of Canterbury City Council has applied to Canterbury City Council for the grant of a premises licence to allow entertainment to take place for the following premises:

Pier Platform, Central Parade, Herne Bay

0900 hours to 2300 hours for the provision of plays, films, live music, recorded music and performance of dance

A register of licensing applications can be inspected at www.canterbury.gov.uk/licensing or at Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW, phone 01227 862 000 by appointment with the Licensing Team between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Any person wishing to submit representations to our application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by 4 July 2012.

The council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Panel and will therefore pass into the public domain. Representations must relate to one of the four licensing objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. In the case of an application for a provisional statement please note that representations will be restricted once a statement has been issued.

John Hawkins
Events Manager
Canterbury City Council
Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW



THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

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Y12/0255/SH - Flat 71 1 The Leas Folkestone Kent CT20 2DR - Installation of replacement balcony balustrade.

Y12/0509/SH+ - 35 Prospect Road Hythe Kent CT21 5NN - Crown reduction of an Oak tree situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0448/SH - Flat D 50 Castle Hill Avenue Folkestone Kent CT20 2RE - Change of use and conversion from existing self contained flat to two self contained flats.

Y12/0455/SH - Hunters Health Club The Metropole The Leas Folkestone Kent CT20 2LU - Change of use and conversion of part of the basement and ground floors from health club/gymnasium (Class D2) to 11 self-contained flats as enabling works to facilitate the refurbishment of the Winter Gardens room to operate as a function suite under its existing use Class D2.

Y12/0456/SH - Hunters Health Club The Metropole The Leas Folkestone Kent CT20 2LU - Listed building consent for internal and external alterations and additions to facilitate the change of use and conversion of part of the former health club/gymnasium and refurbishment of the Winter Gardens room.

Y12/0449/SH - Car Park Longford Terrace Folkestone Kent - Retrospective application for an area of hardstanding providing 3 parking spaces.

Y12/0475/SH - 127 Sandgate Road Folkestone Kent CT20 2BH - Change of use from upper ground floor and first floor offices, to seven self contained flats, together with formation of new shopfront and other external alterations.

Y12/0169/SH# - Manor House Straight Lane Brookland Romney Marsh Kent - Alterations and conversion of outbuilding to provide living accommodation for use as an annexe to main dwelling, including installation of two new windows to south elevation and one rooflight window.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

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Public Notice

24 June 2012




Local Authorities (Members’ Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 15 of the above Regulations that the total sum paid by the Authority in accordance with the Canterbury City Council Councillors Allowances Scheme, to each Member of the Council as a basic, special responsibility, travel and subsistence and PC allowance during the 2011/12 financial year is listed below:

Councillors allowances and expenses paid 12 months ended 31 March 2012.

Name	Car allowances inc mileage	Travel and subsistence	Basic allowances	Special responsibility allowances	National insurance	Mobile phones	PC allowances	Total pay
Austin, A M		350.55	4,710.00	5,430.00	448.68	217.60	180.00	11,336.83
Baker, N		58.50	4,216.21	4,729.35	353.20	144.31		9,501.57
Baldock, A			4,216.21	161.50				4,377.71
Bellamy, J		64.70	4,216.21					4,280.91
Bissett, E	958.75	-339.30	4,710.00				180.00	5,509.45
Bright, R			4,710.00	722.28			180.00	5,612.28
Byford, S			4,216.21					4,216.21
Cartwright, P			4,216.21					4,216.21
Clark, A	478.40	4.68	4,216.21					4,699.29
Cook, A	780.00	4.81	4,216.21	4,729.35	400.76		15.00	10,146.13
Cook, S			4,216.21					4,216.21
Cragg, R H			4,710.00	2,294.72	166.38		180.00	7,351.10
Dixey, M	713.70		4,710.00	1,081.71	71.55		180.00	6,756.96
Doyle, R E	1,252.55	269.20	4,710.00	5,430.00	538.20	222.34	180.00	12,602.29
Eden-Green, N	135.20		4,710.00				180.00	5,025.20
Edwards, J			4,216.21					4,216.21
Ellis, D J			4,710.00	5,430.00	423.84	192.59		10,756.43
Flaherty, R	1,519.70	216.90	4,710.00				180.00	6,626.60
Flanagan, J D			4,710.00					4,710.00
Gilbey, J W G	2,959.45	-117.55	4,710.00	22,291.92	2,994.87	346.76	180.00	33,365.45
Glover, G	505.05	16.00	4,216.21					4,737.26
Harrison, J H	593.02	-144.38	4,710.00	4,539.00	346.20	474.03	180.00	10,697.87
Hirst, D			4,216.21					4,216.21
Howes, J			4,216.21					4,216.21
Law, J P	1,677.00	274.29	4,710.00	9,127.20	1,076.63	343.86	180.00	17,388.98
Lee, P J		276.90	4,710.00	5,430.00	448.68		180.00	11,045.58
Linfield, I A	394.55		4,710.00				180.00	5,284.55
MacCaul, C V			4,710.00	47.49			180.00	4,937.49
McCabe, H E	903.50	-191.79	4,710.00		270.38			5,692.09
Oakey, W	360.10	5.00	4,216.21	3,550.94	218.81			8,351.06
O'Dea, A	385.45	280.86	4,216.21	689.57				5,572.09
Perkins, A R		307.60	4,710.00	5,539.31	480.40	10.00	180.00	11,227.31
Reuby, G A	1,033.50	38.05	4,710.00	704.67			180.00	6,666.22
Samper, J	497.90		4,710.00	3,618.00	219.85	400.63	180.00	9,626.38
Sharp, M J			4,710.00	906.00				5,616.00
Sonnex, S A	469.95	0.12	4,710.00	847.55			180.00	6,207.62
Staley, B			4,710.00				180.00	5,002.56
Taylor, E A	1,073.72	-425.92	4,710.00	5,430.00	486.50		180.00	11,454.30
Taylor, H			4,710.00	722.28	8.81		180.00	5,621.09
Thomas, J I			4,710.00		374.50	154.20	180.00	5,418.70
Thomas, R			4,216.21					4,216.21
Todd, P A			4,710.00	732.35	42.21	32.74	180.00	5,697.30
Vickers, P J	166.40	62.10	4,710.00	776.92			180.00	5,895.42
Vickery-Jones, P D	1,688.05	11.01	4,710.00	5,430.00	551.89	313.80	180.00	12,884.75
Waters, R	22.75		4,216.21					4,238.96
Westgate, T			4,216.21					4,216.21
Williams, S			4,216.21					4,216.21
Windsor, C L	409.50	1.36	4,710.00	719.77			180.00	6,020.63
Wood, G			4,216.21					4,216.21
Wratten, J H	516.10	4.06	4,710.00	335.84			180.00	5,746.00
Former Councillors								
Anderson, J E			493.79				18.87	512.66
Berridge, M J			493.79				18.87	512.66
Calvert-Mindell, J			493.79				18.87	512.66
Carnell, P A			493.79				18.87	512.66
Davis, G M W	48.03		493.79				18.87	560.69
Dye, S J			493.79				18.87	512.66
Fisher, M J			493.79					493.79
Flaherty, M G	152.40		493.79				18.87	665.06
Hando, K W	61.75		493.79				18.87	574.41
Matthews, R T			493.79				18.87	512.66
McMahan, V J			104.67					104.67
Parry, C			493.79				18.87	512.66
Parsons, A C			493.79				18.87	512.66
Patterson, M C	304.20		493.79	569.27	46.64	188.90	18.87	1,621.67
Perkins, J A			493.79	427.43	21.83		18.87	961.92
Pickersgill, S A			493.79		28.65		18.87	541.31
Seath, J M	81.90		493.79	16.22		50.46	18.87	661.24
Steed, M			493.79				18.87	512.66
Vye, M J			493.79				18.87	512.66
Co-optees								
K Brown				906.00				906.00
P Gottschalk				981.50	43.74			1,025.24
P Lennard				453.00				453.00
Total members allowances								
	20,255.13	1,027.75	235,110.88	104,801.14	10,063.20	3,092.22	5,195.79	379,546.11
Tricia Marshall								
Director of Resources								
Canterbury City Council								
Military Road, CANTERBURY CT1 1YW								

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AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12 - SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Each year the council's accounts are audited and any persons interested have the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts related to them. For the year ended 31 March 2012 these documents will be available on application to the Deputy Chief Executive at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone (tel: 01303 853289) between 9.00am and 4.30pm weekdays from Monday 9th July 2012 to Friday 3rd August 2012.

From 6th August 2012 until the audit is closed, local government electors for the area to which the accounts relate may exercise their rights under sections 15 and 16 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 to question the auditor or make objections to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012. The external auditor, Andy Mack, can be contacted at Audit Commission, 1st Floor, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London SW1P 4HQ (telephone 0844 798 2846).

Kathryn Beldon
Deputy Chief Executive
Shepway District Council

LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES



ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12

Each year the Council's Accounts are audited and any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts related to them. For the year ended 31st March 2012 these documents will be available on application to the Finance Manager at the Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford (01233 330540) between 9am and 4.30pm, weekdays from 11th July 2012 to 8th August 2012. Local Government electors for the Council's area and their representatives also have:

(1) the right to question the Auditor about the Accounts.

(2) the right to attend before the Auditor and make objections to the Accounts on any items in them. Written notice of an objection must first be send to the Auditor. The audit is being carried out by Mr Andy Mack, District Auditor, Ground Floor Front, 16 South Park, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1AN and will be conducted under the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003.

The auditor can be contacted at the above address from Thursday 9th August 2012 until the audit is completed.

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PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003.

Jamal Ahmed applied to Medway Council on 8th June 2012 for a variation to the licence for Shozna Indian Restaurant, 18 High Street, Strood, Rochester, Kent ME1 1RR. The application seeks an increase in authorised hours for the sale of alcohol from midday to 01:00.

The proposed opening hours of the premises are to be 12pm to 01.30am.

Representations should be made in writing to Licensing Unit, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR by 9th July 2012.

Persons wishing to inspect the Licensing Register may do so at the above address between the hours of 08.30 - 17.00 Monday to Friday. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application which carries a maximum fine of £5000.

HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

BLACKWALL ROAD NORTH, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of a new electricity supply cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Blackwall Road North, Ashford, on or after 7 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed to through traffic for its entire length.

Access for residents will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

The alternative route is via A2070 Kennington Road and Blackwall Road South.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

CHESTFIELD ROAD, CHESTFIELD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install CCTV cameras on the railway bridge, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chestfield Road, Chestfield (Swalecliffe), on or after 11 July 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 8.00 pm and 6.00 am each night.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge to the north of the Old Thanet Way.

The alternative route is via B2205 St John's Road, Colewood Road, Whitstable Road, Sea Street, Greenhill Bridge Road and A2990 (Old) Thanet Way.

CHURCH LANE AND HIGHSTEAD, CHISLET (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To enable high-friction road surfacing works to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane and Highstead, Chislehurst, on or after 9 July 2012 for up to 2 days as signposted on site.

CHURCH LANE will be closed to the north of the north junction with Chitty Lane

The alternative route is via Hollow Road and Old Tree Road.

HIGHSTEAD will be closed to the north of Highstead Farm.

The alternative route is via Highstead via Ford Hill, Maypole Lane and Old Tree Road.

The closures are between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm each day. Only one road will be closed at any one time.

Please note these works were originally due to have been carried out in April 2012, but were postponed for operational reasons.

SUMMERFIELD AVENUE, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting eastbound traffic on Summerfield Avenue, Whitstable, on or after 9 July 2012 for up to 8 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed eastbound only at the junction with Castle Road.

The alternative route for eastbound traffic is via Castle Road, Church Street and Ham Shades Lane.

Westbound traffic is unaffected, and traffic can access Summerfield Avenue from the junction with Ham Shades Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

ALKHAM ROAD, KEARSNEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install CCTV cameras on the railway bridge, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Alkham Road, Kearsney, on or after 11 July 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 8.00 pm through until 6.00 am each night.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via Lower Road, High Street and London Road (Temple Ewell).

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CHURCH STREET, DOVER) (ONE WAY STREET AND CONTRAFLOW CYCLE LANE) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of this Order will be to allow pedal cycles to travel against the existing one-way traffic flow when using the designated cycle lane in the following location:

Church Street, Dover Between Stembrook and Castle Street.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Javelin Way Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Kent, CT16 3PJ during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Traffic Schemes Team, Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 16 July 2012.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (SERVICE PRECINCT, DOVER) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) (AMENDMENT NO 1) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to permit pedal cycles to use Market Square as part of the River Dour Greenway route at the following locations:-

Market Square, Dover For its entire area west of a line between the north east corner of no.5 King Street and the boundary lines of no 6 and 7 Market Square.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Javelin Way Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Kent, CT16 3PJ during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Traffic Schemes Team, Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 16 July 2012.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) CONSOLIDATION (AMENDMENT NO 15) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to prohibit loading at any time at the following location:-

Pencester Road, Dover On the northwest side of the road, from a point at the boundary of no.18 Pencester Road and no.20 Pencester Road, in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 23m.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Javelin Way Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Kent, CT16 3PJ during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Traffic Schemes Team, Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 16 July 2012.

RATLING ROAD, AYLESHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of access to phone cables to provide a new service, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ratling Road, Aylesham, on or after 15 July 2012 for up to one day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Burgess Road and Ackholt Road.

The alternative route is via Burgess Road, Bell Grove and Ackholt Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Gravesham

JUBILEE CRESCENT, GRAVESEND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of Essential carriageway and footway repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Jubilee Crescent, Gravesend, on or after 25 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Hampton Crescent to outside 100 Jubilee Crescent.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Hampton Crescent to outside 100 Jubilee Crescent.

HIGHWAYS - District of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BEECHEN BANK ROAD & BOXLEY ROAD, BOXLEY, MAIDSTONE) (40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2012
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Kent County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 82 (2); 83 (2); and 84 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, propose to make the following Order:-

- This Order may be cited as "The Kent County Council (Beechen Bank Road & Boxley Road, Boxley, Maidstone) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 2012" and shall come into operation on the xx day of xxx 2012.
- No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of Road described in Schedule to this Order.

SCHEDULE (40 m.p.h. Speed Limit)	
BOXLEY Beechen Bank Road	From a point 20m south of its northern most junction with Boxley Road to the point at which Beechen Bank Road becomes Boxley Road
BOXLEY Boxley Road	From the point at which Beechen Bank Road becomes Boxley Road to a point 30m north of its junction with Walderslade Woods

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined during normal office hours Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX and at Maidstone House, King Street Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Lisa Gillham, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TR0@kent.gov.uk by noon on 16th July 2012.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A249 SITTINGBOURNE ROAD/DETILING HILL AND OTHER ROADS AT DETILING/THURNHAM) (TRAFFIC SPEED AND TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting traffic speed, the regulation of traffic and the use by traffic as described below. The order shall come into operation at

times when required as and when signage is displayed on site on 13th/14th/15th July 2012.

SCHUDLE
(The Speed limits and Traffic Regulations)

- Traffic in excess of 40 mph shall be prohibited as follows:-
 - On Detling Hill, Detling/Sittingbourne Road, Thurnham on the northeast bound carriageway from a point 200 metres northeast of the junction of Harple Lane to the Highland Shell petrol station. On the southwest bound carriageway from a point 130 metres northeast of the property "Woodlands" to the existing 50mph speed restriction at a point outside the property "Wild Air"
- No person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicle to:-
 - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 south west bound into Scragged Oak Road.
 - Carry out a right hand turn from Scragged Oak Road onto the A249 south west bound.
 - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 northbound into South Green Lane.
 - Carry out a right hand turn or "U" turn on the A249 northbound at its junction with Rumstead Lane.
 - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Chalky Road.
 - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Church Hill.
 - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Honeycrock Hill.
 - Carry out a right hand turn from Pett Lane northbound onto A249.
- The alternative routes for traffic affected by 2(i), 2(ii), 2(iii), 2(iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii) above are either:-
 - via the roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway
 - via the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

BIRCHIN CROSS ROAD, OTFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to fit security type lids on BT carriageway chambers, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Birchin Cross Road, Otford, on or after 13th July 2012 for up to 3 Days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed Near the junction of Rowdown Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Rowdown Lane and Clarkes Green Road.

The alternative route is via Rowdown Lane, Magpie Bottom and Birchin Cross Road.

CASTLE HILL, HARTLEY (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Castle Hill, Hartley, Sevenoaks between the junction of Fawkham Road, Fawkham and Ash Road, Hartley.

The Order will become effective on 24th June 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 25 June 2012 and will last 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Ash Road in Hartley and Hartley Road and Main Road, Longfield and Fawkham Road, Longfield and Fawkham Road, Fawkham.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a new gas supply.

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



HIGHWAYS

**HALE OAK ROAD, CHIDDINGSTONE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of replacement of a drainage culvert, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hale Oak Road, Chiddingstone, on or after 9 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Little Hale and Hale Wood Farm.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Little Hale and Hale Wood Farm.

The alternative route is via B2027, Camp Hill, Coppings Road, Scabharbour Road, Windmill Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway**A259 RED LION SQUARE, HYTHE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on the A259, Hythe, on or after 25 June 2012 for a total of 6 nights, as shown below.

Closures are planned for the nights of Monday 25 June to Friday 29 June inclusive and Monday 2 July 2012. The closures will be between 7.00 pm and 1.00 am, with the roads re-opened outside these hours.

There will be no access through Hythe using the A259 during these works.

The A259 will be closed in the vicinity of Red Lion Square, as detailed below.

Eastbound, the closure is from Military Road (from the junction of the road leading to Military Road Car park) including Red Lion Square into Rampart Road as far as the junction with Stade Street.

Westbound, the A259 closure is of Rampart Road from the junction with Stade Street through Red Lion Square into Dymchurch Road, as far as the junction with Portland Road.

The alternative route is via A259 Dymchurch Road, Scanlons Bridge Road (Military Road in reverse) A261 London Road, Hythe Road, A20 Ashford Road, Sandling Road, Ashford Road, Junction 11 Stanford Intersection, A20 Ashford Road, Junction 12 Cheriton Interchange, B2064 Cheriton High Street, Cheriton Road, A259 Castle Hill Avenue, Shorncliffe Road, Earls Avenue, Sandgate Road, Sandgate High Street, Sandgate Esplanade, Seabrook Road, East Street, Prospect Road and Rampart Road.

Please note that this differs from the details initially published.

**VARIOUS ROADS, FOLKESTONE (MICRO-SURFACING)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER JULY 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in Folkestone, on or after 11 July 2012, as shown below.

HARVEY STREET and **HARBOUR WAY** will be closed on 11 July 2012.

The alternative route is via Dover Road, Ryland Place and The Tram Road.

ST EANSWYTHE'S WAY will be closed on 12 July 2012.

There is no alternative route. Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so.

WALTON ROAD will be closed on 13 July 2012

There is no alternative route. Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so.

Closures are each for up to one day. Roads will be closed for their entire lengths.

HIGHWAYS - DISTRICT OF SWALE**OAK LANE, MINSTER-ON-SEA
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Oak Lane, Minster-on-Sea, on or after 25 June 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from outside The Oaks to the entrance to Seaclyffe Caravan Park.

There is no alternative route as this section of the road is a No Through Road.

Every effort will be made to allow as much access as possible, whenever safe to do so, but there will be times when the use of machinery prevents this.

**PRESTON GROVE, FAVERSHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of electricity cabling works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Preston Grove, Faversham, on or after 26 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with the A2 London Road.

The alternative route is via A2 London Road, The Mall, Preston Lane and Preston Grove.

HIGHWAYS - DISTRICT OF THANET**B2053 NORTHDOWN HILL AND WESTOVER ROAD,
BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2053 Northdown Hill and Westover Road, Broadstairs, on or after 28 June 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 8.00 pm and 1.00 am.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Pearsons Way and Westover Gardens.

The alternative route is via B2053 Northdown Hill, Green Lane, B2052 George Hill Road, Convent Road and Beacon Road.

**HALL BY THE SEA ROAD, MARGATE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway pothole repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hall By The Sea Road, Margate, on or after 9 July 2012 for up to 2 days, between 8.30 am and 4.00 pm each day.

The road will be closed at the junctions with Marine Terrace and Belgrave Road.

The alternative route is via Marine Terrace and Belgrave Road.

**KING STREET, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway pothole repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on King Street, Margate, on or after 10 July 2012 for up to 2 days, between 8.30 am and 4.00 pm.

The road will be closed at the junction with Hawley Street, in the vicinity of Tudor House.

The alternative routes are via Hawley Street, Union Crescent and Addington Street or via Trinity Square (Trinity Hill), Northdown Road and Bath Road.

HIGHWAYS - DISTRICT OF TONBRIDGE & MALLING**TAYLORS LANE, TROTTSCLIFFE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to replace electricity power lines, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Taylors Lane, Trottscliffe, on or after 26 June 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed along the whole length.

The alternative route is southbound traffic via Pilgrims Way, Pinesfield Lane, Church Road and northbound is via Wrotham Water Lane, Pilgrims Way, A227 Gravesend Road, Pilgrims Way.

HIGHWAYS - District of Tunbridge Wells**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(NORTH FARM ROAD/DOWDING WAY, TUNBRIDGE WELLS)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on North Farm Road/Dowding Way, Tunbridge Wells from the junction of Chapman Way to Lamberts Road. This closure will come into effect on or after Monday 25th June 2012 between 21.00hrs and 06.00hrs for an estimated period of up to 5 nights or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via North Farm Road, Upper Grosvenor Road, Sandhurst Road, Birken Road, Liptraps Lane and Lamberts Road. The environmental 7.5 tonne weight restriction on Birken Road and Liptraps Lane is temporarily suspended for the duration of these works.

Connect Traffic Management apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for works to the railway bridge. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Paul Coppin on 0844 812 6006.

**HIGHWAYS - District Tunbridge Wells,
Maidstone and Tonbridge & Malling****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

(A228 MAIDSTONE ROAD, CAPEL/WHETSTED ROAD, CAPEL/WHETSTED ROAD, YALDING/BRANBRIDGES ROAD, EAST PECKHAM/BOYLE WAY, B2160 MAIDSTONE ROAD, YALDING, BELTRING ROAD, EAST PECKHAM, BRANBRIDGES ROAD, EAST PECKHAM)

(50MPH & 30MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS)

(NO STOPPING OR WAITING RESTRICTIONS)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)

TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public the Kent County Council has made an Order with the following restrictions.

- 1) Traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 50mph is prohibited on the A228 Maidstone Road, Capel from the junction with B2017 Badsell Road to Little Eden Farm, A228 Whetsted Road, Capel.
- 2) Traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 30mph is prohibited on the A228 Whetsted Road, Capel between Little Eden Farm to the roundabout outside the main entrance to The Hop Farm Country Park.
- 3) Eastbound traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 50mph is prohibited on the A228 Hale Street By-Pass from the junction with B2015 Maidstone Road to the roundabout at Branbridges Industrial Estate.
- 4) Traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 30mph in both directions is prohibited on A228 Branbridges Road from the roundabout at Branbridges Industrial Estate to the roundabout at the Hop Farm Country Park.
- 5) Traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 30mph in both directions is prohibited on the B2160 Maidstone Road from the roundabout at The Hop Farm Country Park to Transfesa Road.
- 6) The effect of the Order will be to introduce prohibition of waiting or stopping on A228 Maidstone Road from B2017 Badsell Road/Whetsted Road/Branbridges Road/Boyle Way to A228 Seven Mile Lane, B2160 Maidstone Road between Transfesa Road and A228 Whetsted Road roundabout and Beltring Road between A228 Branbridges Road to Torbay Road.
- 7) Prohibit waiting and stopping on Branbridges Road, outside of the Industrial Estate.

These restrictions are to be in place, when required as indicated by signage on site on Thursday 28th June 2012 to Monday 2nd July 2012 and Wednesday 18th July 2012 to Sunday 22nd July 2012.


The Hop Farm Country Park apologise for any inconvenience caused by these restrictions which are necessary due to large scale events taking place.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 24th June 2012

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




















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(T&C's below)

JACQ 45, slim, natural blonde, blue eyes, GSOH, seeks confident guy for company/friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391564** **KAREN** 38 slim and attractive seeking confident professional for companionship, status/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392407** **ALISHA** blue eyed petite brunette, likes to keep fit, cooking, holidays, seeks male 30-45 for special times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392399** **MICHELE** very attractive black single mum, 32yrs, someone you could take home to your mother, seeking a one in a million guy. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391879** **NATALIE** professional 30's female, no ties, everything a classy blonde should be, looking for special times with male up to 65yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391871** **FEMALE** 48, kind, caring, bubbly, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, seeks male, 40-50 with similar interests for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383787** **CHRISTIAN** lady, seeks Christian man, 58 plus for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386565** **JUNE** good looking divorced 40's female, bubbly romantic and looking for tlc. Genuine replies only pls. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386301** **46YR** old young, curvy single mum, easygoing, caring, GSOH, wants to live and love, seeks honest man, 35-55 for genuine relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387143** **MONIQUE** black, looking for N/S gentleman, 50-60 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391220** **WELL** educated female, slim, smart, mid 50's, needing to restart life, looking for tall, slim, smart gent with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391136** **ELIZABETH** 70 plus, enjoys life, GSOH, seeks caring man for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390990** **51YR** old attractive Queen of the Jungle, seeking genuine, caring older gent for uncomplicated times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390916** **SARAH** 40, large, tactile, likes cuddles, walks, cinema, beach, meals out, seeking male for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390912** **AFFABLE** serene black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, loves reading nature, theatre, music WLTm genuine caring gent to share laughter/life. **London Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369411** **LADY** 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386331** **SENSUAL** 32yr old professional with no time to have a relationship, seeks similar understanding male for compatible discreet relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386309** **BECKY** 34 single mum of one, GSOH, employed with OHAC, fun to be with and very loving, WLTm Mr Right if he is out there? **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386305** **LOUISE** young 48, long hair, blue eyes, cultured, easygoing, good natured, seeks intelligent, genuine guy for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389389** **BUBBLY** female, 49, kind, caring, honest, GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, likes meals out, pubs, cooking, cinema, seeks male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390815** **MID** 40's slim, attractive female, seeks single male, 65-80 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391989** **DONNA** 24yr old single nurse, curvy, pretty, brown hair, big eyes, single and fun to be with, WLTm mature male for romance 25-45yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391117** **SARAH** 27yr old single mum, independent, very pretty, GOSH, many interests, seeking male for cuddles and lots of TLC. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391097** **DENISE** very normal single white female, likes nights in/out, keeping fit, seeking genuine romantic black male for ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391093** **SUSAN** very pretty curvy blue eyed girlie girl, WLTm genuine male seeking a classy blonde for a mutually loving relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391085** **JACKIE** 32 attractive classy professional, blue eyes, brown hair, healthy/trim, well travelled, feminine, smart, seeks male, 40-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391013** **JAYNE** honest sincere attractive lonely professional, OHAC, looking for fun times with similar lonely gent, age/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390985** **LADY** 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387743** **ANNE** 60, Christian, WLTm similar person. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390496** **AMANDA** 25yr old easygoing singleton looking for fun times only with mature male, 35-55. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389733** **SOPHIE** lonely fun attractive female, 21, looking for fun nights out and cosy nights in with similar male, any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389731** **LADY** 60's, bubbly, hurt in past, likes socialising, cooking, cats, holidays, seeks kind honest gent, 58-65 for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389653** **KIRSTY** 44yr going on 24yrs, sensual, attractive and in need of spoiling, and attention, seeks likeminded male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386433** **JEANETTE** big brown eyed busty fit size 10 with lots of interest, searching for a sincere man to share love and life with. **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374703** **JENNY** very young shy black female looking for reliable, genuine nice older man to help me become an attentive lover, 40-70yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374701** **HELLO** I'm Jane, attractive, genuine, caring, intelligent, romantic and single at 38yrs, what are you waiting for? **Call me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374677** **GEORGINA** likes horses, dogs, walks, seeks male, 60-72 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386426** **TANYA** 28, beautiful black single mum, very body confident and all out of love. Lonely and looking for good company with experienced respectful man. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381727** **HI** genuine, fun to be with male? Nancy 39, attractive, discreet, lonely and in need of some much missed male attention. **Call me. 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THE INTERVIEW

David Burke



The elementary sidekick

Nick Ames talks to the original Watson in a cheerful look back – and forward – over the many adaptations of Sherlock Holmes

RECENT years have seen a surge of interest in all things Sherlock Holmes. And, naturally, where the great detective treads, he is followed with dogged loyalty by his friend, ally and biographer

Dr John H Watson.

Whether it's two-fisted, bare-chested Robert Downey Junior and man-about-town Jude Law blasting their way across a steampunk 19th-century Europe or "high functioning sociopath" sex symbol Benedict Cumberbatch and Afghan combat veteran Martin Freeman text-messaging each other in 21st-century London, the characters are arguably more popular now than ever before.

There are new books featuring the duo out seemingly every month, soundtrack CDs and role-playing games, as well as DVDs, with the Downey and Law blockbuster *A Game Of Shadows* just released.

There is even a New York-based series, called *Elementary*, being filmed. It has Jonny Lee Miller as Holmes and – a first – Charlie's Angels, Kill Bill and Ally McBeal star Lucy Liu as Watson.

But for many purists who look back at the original writings of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, one screen adaptation stands out as most faithful to what fans refer to as The Canon.

In the mid-1980s, Granada TV filmed *The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes*, with Jeremy

Brett in the title role and – for the first two series – David Burke as an urbane, softly-spoken but determined Watson.

Burke now lives just outside Ashford with his actress wife Anna Calder-Marshall and has great memories of his time on screen investigating such mysteries as *The Solitary Cyclist*, *The Red Headed League* and even the hissing, coiled menace of *The Speckled Band*.

He remembers how easy he felt it was to play Watson.

"I don't think I'm too far away from his personality," said Burke. "He's not a genius – he's a sort of man next door, an ordinary human being who happens, by accident, to fall in with someone who is a silver-tongued genius."

"So I didn't feel I had to do too much to play him, which, I suppose, was why I was cast."

Brett, as Holmes, had problems in his personal life and his portrayal is regarded as unrivalled when it comes to authenticity.

Cumberbatch once said: "He casts a towering shadow. He was a friend of my mum's and he was around our family a lot. He and the part collided and he let it take him over. He was a manic depressive... that was a side issue – but then he played one."

Burke said he had a real friendship with his fellow actor, even sharing a trailer on location and dining together.

And he reckoned that Brett was obsessed with getting the character just right.

"I think Jeremy Brett did an absolutely fantastic job. He would take the original books around with him and if he felt the director stepped out of the authentic Conan Doyle storytelling Jeremy was really quick to jump on it – and that is one of the reasons the series is very faithful to the original."

"Jeremy was absolutely devoted to getting the stories right, as were the whole team and I think they succeeded. In fact, I don't think it will ever be done like that again. You'll get spin-offs and modern variations, but I think it will last, hopefully, forever."

Burke has watched some of the new adaptations – but was unaware of Lucy Liu taking the part of his iconic character.

"I've seen one of the films – and Jude Law, who plays Watson. I've worked with and I admire and like him very much. I was in his *Hamlet* when it was done a couple of years ago."

"It's difficult, really, to compare because it's so different to what we did. It's so modern, and so bang-bang, chases and whatnot. It's difficult to even want to compare it to what we did because we did Conan Doyle's version."

"Their version is fair enough – it's just not Conan Doyle, that's all I can say. Taken on a totally different level as a modern adventure, I think it's probably superb."

"The television one, I only watched the first episode, not for any derogatory reason, but I just don't watch a lot of television. I thought

MANY FACES: In modern adaptations we have, from left, Lucy Liu as Watson; Martin Freeman and Benedict Cumberbatch; and Robert Downey Jnr and Jude Law. Purists, though, would most revere Jeremy Brett and David Burke, above

Benedict Cumberbatch and the other chap [Martin Freeman] were very good – but again I can't begin to compare it with ours, because they are two different creatures."

"I think if Conan Doyle were able to come back and see ours, I think he would say that it is an authentic version."

Laughing, he then added: "If he came back and saw the others, I think he would possibly turn in his grave. Because it's not what he wrote."

Burke is not, however, against reinventing the classic heroes.

"Why shouldn't people have a modern take?" he said. "The original characters are still an inspiration to writers. Sherlock Holmes is one of the few brand names you could say anywhere in the world. You could go to Tibet and say Sherlock Holmes and they'd say 'the detective'. They might not know more than that, but there aren't that many brand names you could get that reaction to."

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Budding artists make their own Olympian final

SIX talented entrants have received a call from Produced in Kent this week to be told they have made it to the live final of the Create A Fruit & Veg Masterpiece art competition.

The competition, which this year has taken on an Olympic theme to coincide with London 2012, is the brainchild of Produced in Kent and sponsored by abm Catering, Hadlow College and R.J. Kingsland & Son and supported by the Kent 2012 Small Grants Fund.

The competition saw dozens of primary-school children enter their masterpieces made with local, seasonal produce. There was a record-breaking number of 240 entries.

The tough job of whittling the entries into the final top-three individual and group categories landed on the shoulders of food-art photographer Carl Warner.

The snapper, whose amazing food pictures have appeared on Blue Peter, The One Show and The Alan Titchmarsh Show, said: "This is my third year judging this fantastic competition and every year the standard keeps getting higher, with more and more entries."

"The Olympic theme has really captured the imagination of the young children and we've seen everything from 3D canoeists and Olympic cyclists, through the track and field sports, to the Paralympics and Olympic torch. There are so many champions out there this year."

Now all the finalists will be heading to Broadview Gardens on Friday, June 29, to compete for gold, silver and bronze medals by recreating their masterpieces live.



FINALISTS:

Clockwise from top left: individual category finalists: Adam Hood, 7, of Hever primary school, Edenbridge, for his cyclist; Will Beverley, 5, also of Hever primary, for his canoeist, and Joshua Beesley, 7, who is home-schooled, for his fencing piece. In the group category, the finalists are St Katherine's, Snodland (Class 6W), for wheelchair-racing, Ashford Friars, (Class 2T), for its running shoe, and, for the third consecutive year, The Allotment Club from All Saints C of E primary school, Chatham, for its runners



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The Tory tales Portillo heads for the Gulb

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UNDER Conservative Prime Minister John Major, Michael Portillo was made a Cabinet minister in the role of Chief Secretary to the Treasury before holding the portfolios

of employment (1994) and then defence (1995-1997).

But after quitting politics the Tory boy took his opportunity to become a media personality – it was a chance he grabbed with both hands.

Now with his latest tour, Life: A Game Of Two Halves, Portillo heads to The Gulbenkian theatre to bend the ear of anyone who will listen.

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It's forecast to be a great day out as Lee-Preston heads to Hambrook Marshes in Wincheap to open the event, which features plenty of live music, beer tents, food, exhibitions, performances, shows and much more.

Music from local artists including Alice Heggie and CJ on drums, drama performances from Accidental Collective and children's activities will be on offer at the free event, which is run by the Kent Enterprise Trust.

Visitors can see raptor displays, heavy horses and hay-cutting demonstrations and try their hand at scything and woodcraft.



Snoop in county town Rapper's afterparty

Beluga Bar, Maidstone
Friday, July 6, from 9pm-3am
Tickets £20
www.beluganightclubmaidstone.com

RAP star Snoop Dogg has announced that he will be hosting an official afterparty in Maidstone next month.

The hip-hop pioneer, who has worked with the likes of Dr Dre, Eminem, Pharell Williams and countless others, will use the Beluga Bar in Maidstone as his base after his show at the London Pleasure Festival on Friday, July 6.

Ever since the music genre of gangster rap broke through in the 1980s, Snoop Dogg has been at the forefront of the movement.

This show will be the only exclusive afterparty for the star and is likely to sell out very quickly, so make sure you get tickets online ASAP.

TV finalists to headline bash A lovable lot?

Dartford Festival, Central Park, Dartford
Sat and Sun, July 14-15
www.dartford.gov.uk/festival

DARTFORD Festival 2012 is fast approaching and the first two headline acts have been announced.

Fresh from Britain's Got Talent, Lovable Rogues will

be performing at Central Park, having reached the finals of the popular talent show.

The three-piece band hail from just over the Thames in Chigwell and have recently been signed by Simon Cowell's record label Syco; a debut single is due this year.

Headlining on the Sunday will be former X Factor star Ray Quinn.

The singer was a finalist on series three of The X Factor and has since embarked on a solo tour, playing 30 dates across the UK, and starred in West End musicals.



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Michelle, manager at The Pulse, said: "There are a lot of pubs and cafés in Sittingbourne, but nowhere for parents with young children to go for good-quality drinks and healthy snacks at an affordable price.

"We would love to hear from any local artists who would like to showcase their work or run workshops during the day, or any volunteers who would like to serve in the café."

All food and drink is suitable for vegetarians and there are gluten-free and vegan options. Open Monday-Friday from 9.30am-3.30pm.

■ **The Pulse Café, 29 Park Road, Sittingbourne ME10 1DR (phone 01795 599899, web www.skillnetgroup.co.uk)**

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Starter: Mushrooms cooked in a Pinot Grigio-cream-and-thyme sauce served on a bed of ciabatta.

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Family fun with relaxing atmosphere at Waggon

THE Waggon at Hale is an independent, family-run business that prides itself on giving all guests a warm welcome.

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The team prides itself on being family-friendly, with a warm and welcoming atmosphere and offering real ales and wines.

The small farm has rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens... and Cracking the micro-pig.

The Waggon provides good, honest, home-cooked British pub grub using locally-sourced produce, with a sprinkling of world dishes.

On Wednesday, July 11, there will be a charity quiz night raising money for the Stroke Association; entry is £2.50 per team.

Thursday, July 19, will be the Argentina Meal Night, at which customers can enjoy the delights of South America with a six-course

meal and wine-matching experience for only £29.99.

On Friday, July 27, there will be live music, with Vox deluxe playing a mixture of pop, rock and blues from 9pm.

Also new at the Waggon is the espresso machine serving Sassetta coffee. Relax on the sofas, enjoy a panini and the Neapolitan-style deep-roast blend of Central American and African beans espresso.

Traditional Sunday lunch is served from midday-6pm. There is

a three-course menu available for £14.95, but booking is advisable.

The Waggon is open every day from 11am-11pm on Monday to Saturday and midday to 10pm on Sundays. The bar menu is served midday to 9pm during the week and midday to 8pm on Sundays, while the restaurant menu is served Monday to Friday midday to 3pm and Saturday 6pm-9pm.

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This relaxing experience can be added to as diners sit back with a perfectly-chilled glass of Champagne or an expertly-mixed cocktail in the bright conservatory.

You can also choose from the first-class menu and extensive wine list. Drinks can be



served alfresco in the garden as spring and summer roll up.

In previous years those who have enjoyed

the atmosphere include former Prime Minister Tony Blair, comedians such as Bernard Manning and Freddie Starr and entertainers Gerry and the Pacemakers, Rick Wakeman and Max Boyce.

There is even a celebrity corner where guests and diners can check out who has gone before them.

The restaurant, which has appeared on BBC television, is open to non-residents for dinner each evening, but to make the experience complete why not book a room and stay over?

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Deal Festival, various venues

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THE opening weekend of the Deal Festival is a feast for all the senses and not to be missed.

The town's Astor Theatre will be transformed into a bohemian dream world with music, magic, dance, poetry and feasting for 10 days.

The opening weekend will include entertainment from Dizzy O'Dare and The Galloping Cuckoos Street Theatre.

Opera and music star Darren Abrahams, who appeared in 2011 with the St Edmunds Symphonic Wind Band, will be at North Deal Community Centre.

Kent County Youth Orchestra will perform at 7pm on Saturday, June 30, at the Astor. Check online for more events and venues.

Theatre on a summer's eve Austen romp

**Goodnestone Park Gardens,
near Canterbury**
Saturday, June 30
01304 840107

AS part of its annual open-air garden-theatre tour, Chapterhouse Theatre Company is bringing Jane Austen's Emma to the stage. Known for its Kent tours,

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Emma is a young woman determined to pair off her friends with their perfect matches. But could it be that amid her plotting her own true love has been there all along? This new adaptation promises love and laughter.

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Riot of roses Garden event shows colour

Hever Castle, Edenbridge
Friday to Sunday, June 22-24
01732 865224
www.hevercastle.co.uk

HEVER Castle is hosting its Best of British garden festival, marking the final event in its Jubilee celebrations.

The mid-summer festival brings an extra touch of beauty to the romantic castle near Edenbridge where Henry VIII courted Anne Boleyn.

Floral displays will fill the castle rooms with colour and fragrance as arrangers take inspiration from the Diamond Jubilee to create works of art guaranteed to delight.

June sees the quintessential English rose garden reach its peak of perfection – with more than 4,000 roses at Hever, they are something to behold.

Additionally, classic-car-lovers have the opportunity to view some 150 Aston Martin cars up close on Sunday, June 24, rounding off a wonderful week of celebrations.



Whitlive hosts another gem ShyChlo

**The Duke of Cumberland,
Whitstable**
Saturday, July 7, at 8pm
www.whitlive.co.uk

WHITLIVE returns with its Introducing stage at The Duke of Cumberland pub in Whitstable.

Following the success of the rum-swilling Skinny Lister and

the sold-out Janice Graham Band in May, WhitLive brings in more up-and-coming talent in the form of ShyChlo.

Having already got through to the finals of the UK's biggest Live And Unsigned contest, this Canterbury band could be playing at the O2 in July.

Their energetic live show has seen them touring the UK and playing at Radio 1's Big Weekend.

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Lounge on the Farm puts a strong emphasis on local food and this year features workshops from Channel 4's The Fabulous Baker Brothers and Stefan Gates – the Gastronomaut.

Other festivities include Boom Boom Club's Coney Island Palace, a roller-disco, tea dance, silent disco, Shakespeare's Comedy, an interactive panto of Seven Dwarfs hosted by the Science Museum, cabaret, comedy, spoken word, magicians and much more.

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A BRILLIANT line-up of stars from the UK music scene is descending on Thanet for this year's Margate Jazz Festival.

Now in its seventh year, the festival is a well-established highlight of the cultural calendar, recently joined by Turner Contemporary in bringing artists of world-class renown to the seaside resort.

Headlining is Courtney Pine with a performance at the Theatre Royal, while comedian Stephen Fry will be at Turner Contemporary talking to Tracey Emin about her exhibition *She Lay Down Deep Beneath the Sea*.

John Etheridge plays The Wig And Pen pub, while The Christine Tobin All Stars perform at The Westcoast Bar.

On Sunday, fans will be treated to free, open-air music on The Parade, hosted by DJ James Anthony, of Solar Radio.



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Kemsley Down station, Sittingbourne

Saturday and Sunday, July 7-8
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FOLLOWING the successful reopening of the Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway from the Viaduct station in May, the steam-railway team is gearing up for next month's Steam And

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The event will see steam locomotives Leader and Melior hauling trains from Sittingbourne Viaduct station throughout the weekend, so visitors can travel to Kemsley Down station by steam train.

There will be 35 types of beer, with a happy hour between 5pm and 6pm on Sunday when all beers are £1 a pint to drink in or take away.

Live music will be played into the night.

Tickets cost £9.50 for adults, £8 senior citizens and CAMRA members and £4 for children.

Early taste of of Edinburgh Comedy craft

Billabong Club, Rochester

Thursday, June 28, at 7.30pm
Tickets £10
www.wegotickets.com/

THE Billabong Comedy Club in Victoria Street, Rochester, sees top comedian Sarah Kendall, right, and rising star Daniel Simonsen try out their 2012 Edinburgh shows.

Kendall is an Aussie now based in the UK and widely accepted as one of the leading female comics in the country.

She has performed at the Melbourne Comedy Festival since 2000 and at the Edinburgh Fringe since 2003. She was nominated for the Perrier Award in 2004.

Simonsen has already won So You Think You Are Funny in 2008 as well as The Guardian's One To Watch contest. He has perfected his brooding Norwegian persona, which packed out his Edinburgh 2011 gig.



Focus on Falklands War and Peace Show

The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood

Wednesday to Sunday, July 18-22
www.thehopfarm.co.uk
www.thewarandpeaceshow.com

A FAMILY festival of entertainment, education and excitement is promised at the 30th annual War and Peace Show at The Hop Farm.

It's also the 30th anniversary of the Falklands War and this year the show will feature the biggest display of weapons, vehicles, equipment and men from the conflict ever assembled.

Among the Falklands veterans present will be Simon Weston, whose recovery from injuries was recorded in a famous BBC documentary.

There will be non-stop entertainment, with bands revisiting the sounds of the 1940s, fashion shows, comedians and burlesque. The team from TV's 'Allo 'Allo, including the glamorous Vicki Michelle, will join the party.





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Help the butterfly to survive

BUTTERFLIES have long been among the prettiest visitors to the British garden, feeding on buddleia and other nectar-rich plants, providing movement, colour and interest for all, as well as being beneficial pollinators.

But the grim summers of the last two years and the cold, wet weather this late spring and early summer have all contributed to a reduction in numbers, according to Butterfly Conservation, the world's largest research institute for butterflies and moths.

"This spring could have been catastrophic for butterflies because it means we will have had three really bad breeding seasons in a row," said Dr Martin Warren, the charity's chief executive.

"We have evidence that even common butterflies such as the small tortoiseshell are getting much rarer. Almost three-quarters of UK butterfly species have decreased in population during the last decade. Last year we saw a quarter less butterflies than in the previous year."



Dr Warren said: "In 2010 and 2011 we had a really bad July and August, as butterflies struggled to feed, fly and find a mate in the chilly conditions. The cold, wet weather in summer reduces their chances of survival."

The charity is urging people to take

part in this year's Big Butterfly Count, from Saturday, July 14, until Sunday, August 5, in which people record their sightings to provide the vital data that helps to determine how best to conserve the UK's butterflies.

To enter, just find a sunny place

and spend 15 minutes counting every butterfly seen and then submit sightings at www.bigbutterflycount.org.

The group is also hoping that gardeners can help boost populations by encouraging a small patch of their garden to grow wild, so providing a haven for threatened species.

Dr Warren said: "Habitats where butterflies breed are becoming much smaller, as people have gone for formal gardens and more pesticide use. Butterflies tend to breed in long grasses and wildflower meadows, but much of that habitat has been lost."

Leaving a patch of your garden wild doesn't mean it will just be a mess, he said. Seeding it with herbs such as oregano, thyme and marjoram will not only provide rich nectar sources for butterflies but will also be useful in the kitchen.

Buddleia has long been seen as the key species to attract red admirals, peacocks and small tortoiseshells, but less showy plants such as clover, ivy and daisies provide caterpillars and butterflies with food and shelter.

Steer clear of 'double flowers' as they tend to produce much less nectar than single-flowered varieties. F1 hybrid plants also usually produce very little pollen.

Spare a few brambles and nettles from the chop and plant some wild flowers and you will be providing your garden butterflies with a vital source of food and shelter.

Verbenas are good nectar plants, especially *Verbena bonariensis*, a popular South American border perennial.

Michaelmas daisies, including asters, lavender, the ice plant (*Sedum spectabile*), scabious and honesty, are all butterfly magnets.

Certainly this year's garden shows so far, including Chelsea, have shown a move away from formal towards more natural planting with native species – and if we all follow suit, we may give the butterflies the boost they so desperately need.

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by LUCY HEWETT



WELL, even though I decided not to do so many tubs at home this year because of the watering situation, I seem to have still had my fair share of them to plant up recently.

I did some at The Windmill in Hollingbourne, where I used seasonal bedding in the big old barrels; then for the front window boxes I went a bit more contemporary and stuck with a green-and-grey planting scheme.

I also did some at Pearson's Arms in Whitstable, where I seem to have gone a bit red, white and blue with the window boxes without really realising... must be all the Jubilee and Olympics festivity around. Bless them, though – they do get a bashing from the sea there – so I am moving more towards succulents and alpines as they seem the best for this harsh environment.

Did I mention the Olympics? Not a word to mention in my house – I have a very anti husband who is sure the whole country is going to seize up in congested chaos. Which I am sure will not be the case, but perhaps it would be an ideal time to do some 'working from home' – not that I would encourage anyone to flounder in their duties, but what a good opportunity to



as the sun reflects off it – allow yourself some time to relax and enjoy the richness of the borders and the delicious scents of summer.

Dare I even suggest an impromptu barbecue or meal outside, which after the wash of the Jubilee celebrations I feel rather cautious about; it seems the only way I can make myself sit and enjoy this space that I have spent so much time tending.

However, you have put the work in, so now the least you can do is take the time to enjoy it.

But don't get too comfy, as we know there is always something that needs doing in the garden, so here are some jobs you can get on with after you have had a little relax:

Flowers

Lift, divide and replant congested flag irises after flowering.

Cut down dead delphinium flower spikes.

Deadhead border perennials and bedding plants to ensure continuous flowering.

Autumn-flowering bulbs such as crocuses, amaryllis and nerines can be planted now.

Bring in the butterflies: *Lantana camara* beats even the buddleia for pulling power.

Harvest lavender flowers before they are fully open for the finest fragrance.

Lawn

Keep lawn-edges trimmed – my old RHS tutor used to advise trimming the edges of the lawn first because this will make the whole garden look neater. I believe he was right.

You may notice ants infesting your lawn by mid-summer. Brushing out the nests on a dry

move the office into the garden, weather and electrical sockets permitting. I am sure that, being situated in this delightful environment, productivity will increase tenfold as the garden is awash with colour and summer bedding reaches its intensity.

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day is the best method of control before mowing. Raise the blades slightly if the weather is dry to help the grass to stay greener.

Apply a liquid summer-lawn fertiliser and dig out problem lawn weeds or treat with weedkiller. I do have to laugh at this one as my lawn is in such a terrible state – my Terry has decided this will be his project when he has more time when he retires. At the moment it is more clover than grass and seems to have sunk in various places as there used to be a swimming pool here years ago. It doesn't really bother me as I think it just reflects the lumpy-bumpy thatched roof and rambling cottage garden – we can't be having everything pristine now, can we?

Trees and shrubs

Prune bay trees and other evergreen shrubs (always remember you can trim box after Derby Day) to keep their shape. Keep an eye out for thickened and curled margins on the bay as this is a sign of the bay sucker – remove suckers from the base of trees and roses.

Take cuttings from shrubs.

On variegated trees and shrubs, prune out shoots that have reverted to plain green.

In the veg or fruit patch

Sow Cabbages (to pick as spring greens), kale and spinach beet. Continue successional sowings of beetroot, summer lettuce, radish, salad onion and spinach. These should mature before the first frosts but are likely to be the last crops that do so.

Pinch out growing points of runner beans when they reach the top of the supports.

Keep an eye out for any cabbage-white butterfly eggs.

Lightly cut back sage when flowering has finished.

Thin apples, pears and plums where fruit appears to be overcrowded.

Tie in new raspberry canes to support wires.

Spray apples and gooseberries with a fungicide.

Bury blackberry shoot tips and peg down for new plants.

Yellow and distorted leaves on cherry indicate a powdery mildew problem.

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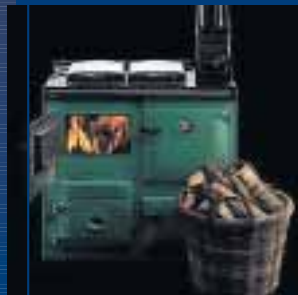
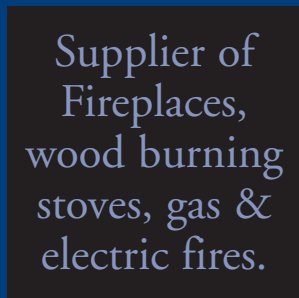
Hang up sticky yellow traps to catch whitefly and other flying insects.

Plant out Broccoli, calabrese and winter cabbages, including savoys and cauliflowers.

Harvest You should have quite a few things ready now in the veg patch for harvesting – remember to keep picking as if you leave crops to go to seed you will not get any more coming.

The biggest croppers are, of course, courgettes – check these daily, or by the time you have looked away and looked back again they will have turned into marrows. You will no doubt have a glut of these at some point, so you could try making some courgette muffins, a favourite in our house and similar in taste to carrot cake.

So much for relaxing. With that lot to do, it'll be a quick five-minute sit-down if you're lucky!



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First-time buyers were usually associated with drawing on 'The Bank of Mum and Dad' – but with the cost of moving up the ladder now out at an average of £41,000 second-steppers are also doing so.

One in six second-steppers are considering asking their family for financial support to make the next move on the housing ladder, a study from Lloyds TSB shows.

A total of 52 per cent of second-steppers believe a shortfall or lack of a deposit will impact the purchase of their new house.

A recent Lloyds TSB report highlighted that 62 per cent of second-steppers have wanted to climb up the ladder in the past 12 months but have been unable to do so as they face an increasing number of challenges.

In percentage terms, second-steppers in the South East face the biggest premium to trade up at 52 per cent and will need almost £85,000 to trade up from the typical first property to their second home.



posit on their first property. The average loan size that first-time buyers received from family or friends the first time around reached almost £13,000 and many are looking for a similar amount again to help them move up the ladder.

The additional capital needed by second-steppers stands at an average of £41,000, a 194 per cent increase on the £14,000 required 10 years ago. Two-thirds of first-time buyers are living in flats or terraced houses with an average value of a flat at £148,502.

Meanwhile, more than half hope that their next move will be to a three-bedroom house. The average price for a semi-detached house is currently £189,312.

This means that those looking to make this move face a 27 per cent premium just to trade up before adding on the cost of moving or the fact there may be an equity shortfall in their current property.

Since 2001, the average cost associated with moving home for someone who already owns a home rose by 69 per cent from £5,290 in 2001 to £8,922 in 2011.

The majority of second-steppers will be hoping to use savings or equity in their current property to fund the move to their second property. However, one in six are also considering going back to their family to ask for financial support.

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This Korean has still got soul and has lots more to tempt you

Driving

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By Steve Loader

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THERE is a sense of 'You ain't seen nothing yet' about the impending arrival of Audi's third-generation A3 hatchback.

The model has already proved strong demand for a family hatch-size model with premium appeal, but downsizing has a firm hold on both company and private car-buyers now; swapping a bigger car for something smaller is a lot easier on your image if you replace it with something of known status, quality and sportiness.

And that's just what the A3 should offer when it arrives in September – order books are open, with prices from £19,205.

Available initially as a three-door, though we can confidently expect a five-door Sportback shortly after, it marks an evolution rather than revolution in style over its predecessor.

This approach has served Audi well before; customers know their car's second-hand values are never going to be poleaxed by a radically-reworked successor.

However, if the exterior is unremarkable, much has been done beneath it: Audi says it benefits from new lightweight construction technology – already seen on other models – saving fuel and improving dynamics.

As a result, the all-new A3 is an impressive 80kg lighter on average than its predecessor.

Similar attention has been lavished on fit and finish and overall build quality – not that it was poor before – and Audi claims the premium cabin "breaks new ground in the class with standards of materials, workmanship and ergonomics that genuinely push the boundaries at this level".

Beautifully made, then, but not cheap, with entry prices not far below 20 grand. At least the basic specs are not as miserly as Audis of old, with standard kit including alloys, air-con, premium sound system with electrically-folding screen, Bluetooth and iPod connection, sat-nav preparation kit and multi-function controls on the steering wheel.

As with previous A3s, we can be sure the newcomer will be no mug in the handling department, either, but the entry-level SE comes with the most comfort-orientated suspension, while mid-way Sport and flagship S line versions have a firmer sport setting, with a tuning pack available as a no-cost option on the S Line. Sport and S line buyers can also opt for the SE standard suspension if they wish.

Downsizers who tend to live in the car will like the way even the SE can be spec'd up via Audi's MMI navigation plus package, allowing upgrades on the sat-nav, plus 'jukebox' music storage, Google Earth, Google Street View, Audi online traffic information and internet access.

The engine options are redeveloped favourites that are up to 12 per cent better on fuel than their predecessors: there are turbocharged petrol 1.4-litre and 1.8-litre units plus three versions of a 2.0-litre TDI, all driving the front wheels.



AUDI A3

Price:
£19,205
Driving appeal:
not driven yet
Image:
★★★★★
Space:
★★★★
Value:
★★★
Running costs:
★★★★
Reliability:
★★★★★
How green?:
★★★★
Best rival:
BMW 1-Series

New A3 weaves a real dream of beauty for the downsizers



STYLISH:
Audi's new A3 gives drivers many reasons to downsize and feel good about it

DON'T LIKE

... that there's no five-door A3 option from the off. Many buyers will want to hold on until this more practical Sportback option arrives

NOT SURE

... it offers good value versus a Golf from sister brand VW, but downsizers will feel better about their choice by having that premium badge

REALLY LIKE

... how Audi, without tinkering with the A3's simple good looks, has further refined quality and build, weight-saving and running costs

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Apple overtones in the 'iVolt'

By Steve Loader

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APPLE'S late boss Steve Jobs would have loved the look of the Chevrolet Volt hybrid.

The interior is awash with white – on the centre console, dashboard and doors, plus touch-sensitive controls – while colour screens replace conventional displays.

Excellent sound-proofing also means a sci-fi feel endures even as battery power wanes and the Volt's 'range extender' 86bhp 1.4-litre Astra petrol engine eases in automatically.

The Volt – or should that be the iVolt – also rides well on everything from dual carriageways to flaky rural lanes with dodgy cambers.

There's little doubt it's a game-changer, sitting between first-generation hybrids like the Toyota Prius, struggling overall to outperform 'eco-internal combustion' models like the VW Golf BlueMotion – dynamically, ecologically and economically – and all-electrics like the Nissan Leaf that induce range anxiety in drivers.

OK, the Volt costs £29,995, after deducting the Government's £5,000 plug-in grant – some four grand more than a grant-assisted Leaf – but full-electric car-buyers need extra cash anyway for taxis/hire cars, trains, planes or even a conventional second car for when their electric wonder-motor won't stretch without sparking range anxiety.

Yet the Volt is fully rechargeable via a standard power socket in six hours and offers up to 50 miles' electric-only local motoring or daily commuting – the latter assuming it can be recharged at the office.

If it runs out, though, or is needed for long-distance weekends and holidays, it switches automatically from batteries to petrol. Official stats are: combined consumption of 235mpg and road tax/Congestion Charge-exempt CO2 emissions of 27g/km

Like the hippy dreamcatcher-style of the Toyota Prius, it won't tickle your driving senses;

CHEVROLET VOLT : PRICE £29,995 (with Govt grant)

FACT FILE



Driving appeal: ★★★★★
Image: ★★★★★
Space: ★★★★★
Value: ★★★★★
Running costs: ★★★★★
Reliability: ★★★★★
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Road tax: Zero
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BALL: To ensure the most green use of power, drivers just need to keep an eye on the ball on the dash

it's fully automatic and if you wind it up – winding those batteries down – you feel the weight of twin powertrains plus batteries and fuel.

This sees the car wanting to run wide if you get silly on a bend – kerb weight is 1,700kg against 1,400 for a similar-size Chevy Cruze.

To justify the racy looks and superhero lightning bolt through the name badge, you can at least select Sport mode and hit 62mph in nine seconds to beat big-exhaust/puny-engine Saxo boy away from the lights, but this soon poleaxes the batteries.

It feels like a coupé inside, though, with its low roofline, flashy dash and two noticeably separate rear seats – caused by slight intrusion from the battery array. And while this makes it a definite four-seater hatchback, it is a comfortable one with proper boot, and top spec including Bose sounds and heated seats.

The array of information is impressive, but you can just get into the car and drive – just

watch the green ball on the screen dead ahead.

Drive steadily and it floats serenely in the middle of its tube-like gauge. Floor the throttle or brake hard, though, and it bounces up or down and burns bright – the message is obvious and you soon learn to adjust your driving without ball-watching, but you'll get even more from the car by studying the handbook.

Key buyers will be the tech-mad, plus savvy business and private buyers looking beyond a high upfront price to big tax savings, though Chevrolet UK insists the car's technology and finish make it good value, echoing Chevrolet's thrifty market stance – though I can imagine many buyers preferring the prestige of a BMW 3-Series eco-model.

There are just two Volt dealerships for now – Wimbledon and Cambridge – though it can be ordered from any Chevy dealer, and you can be sure the car can be serviced by a Vauxhall-dealer selling the near-identical Ampera.

First GEAR

MOTORING NEWS



Up goes up two doors

VOLKSWAGEN has opened the order book on five-door versions of its Up city car for August delivery, with prices from £8,360 – £365 more than the equivalent three-door model.

It shares the 2.42-metre wheelbase that allows an airy cabin within a modest length of just 3.54m. The five-door variant is expected to take more than half of all UK Up sales.



Less than 10K for Dacia SUV

RENAULT-owned Romanian car brand Dacia – pronounced 'Datch-ee-er' – launches at the end of this month, when order books open for its Duster SUV.

It will be astonishing value at under £10,000 and a curtain-raiser for the even cheaper Sandero family car, priced at less than £7,000.

They are being sold via selected Renault dealers and both go on the road next January.



Tourer boost for Hyundai

SALES of Hyundai's suave new i30 family hatchback range are to be boosted soon by the arrival of the Tourer (estate) model.

Prices have yet to be released, but the Korean marque, which is proving a genuine threat to established mainstream marques like VW, Ford and Vauxhall, expects the Tourer to add a further 30 per cent to i30 sales across Europe.

MOTORING

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Crossover still not ‘out-souled’

Flying the flag for sailing team

By Steve Loader
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SOUL proved to be a great name for Kia's innovative urban crossover, launched in 2008.

For here was a car that did indeed show Kia had soul – it was the first time the ambitious Korean brand had stepped outside of the mainstream market.

It may have been outclassed a little since then by new crossover arrivals, but it has never been ‘out-souled’; even after a radical revamp for 2012 it remains great value from £12,495, with Kia's unique peace-of-mind seven-year or 100,000-mile warranty.

The makeover included revised powertrains and, notably, six-speed gearboxes as standard to boost performance while cutting fuel consumption, emissions and running costs.

The Soul's distinctive chunky styling was sharpened by changes to the grilles, lights, front bodywork and wheels.

Following a recent trend across its range, Kia also added quality to the interior to match the durability that was already there.

All versions have even more

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Driving appeal: ★★★★★

Image: ★★★★★

Space: ★★★★★

Value: ★★★★★

Reliability: ★★★★★

How green?: ★★★

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equipment than before, but the range has been streamlined to Soul 1 and Soul 2, plus the Hunter – as tested here – and Quantum ‘Soul Originals’, the latest in a rolling programme of specials with unique styling and trim.

Kia sees the five-seat/five-door car as an urban crossover – small enough to be handy in the city but big and flexible for families. With its customisable looks, it's also a more practical alternative to the indi-

vidualism of the Mini and Fiat 500.

Launched in 2008, it now also gets the petrol power it deserves in the form of a new direct-injection (GDi) unit developing 138bhp – up 14bhp on the previous 1.6-litre – and a modified version of the existing diesel developing 126bhp. The latter is also available with a six-speed auto, tested here.

As proved on previous outings, the diesel is lively and refined, though predictably reined in by

the auto, which adds £1,100 to the price.

What is impressive, though, is the amount of kit gained with the smart Hunter spec, which includes 18-inch alloys, LED running lights, powered sunroof, extra chrome, electrically-folding door-mirrors and what I reckon is the best reversing camera in the business. Why? Because it's mounted in the rear-view mirror – the logical place.

DOUBLE Olympic-gold-medalist sailor Sarah Ayton OBE rallied extra support for Britain's team at the London Olympics when she visited Aylesford Primary School, Maidstone, and the nearby Lipscomb Volvo dealership.

It was all part of a nationwide dealership tour organised by Volvo Car UK to celebrate its heritage and legacy in British sailing – a regular success story at the Olympics.

Sarah also hoped it would raise support for the current Olympics sailing team, even though she has now retired from competition: "It would be great to have as much support and backing from the British public as possible and I hope the tour helps turn people into armchair sailors."

After she met more than 70 guests at Lipscomb Volvo, dealer principal Mark Stevens said: "It was an honour to meet Sarah and we wish the Team Volvo sailors the very best of luck this summer – we will certainly be watching their progress very closely and we hope they win gold on home turf."



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PARALYMPICS

Brands track to push cycle stars to the limit in pursuit of gold glory

By Greg Miles

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THE world's top Paralympic cycling stars descended on Brands Hatch this week as they begin their final preparations for visiting the venue in September for four days of racing action.

More than 150 athletes cycled around the course, prompting many to label it as the most challenging track they have ever ridden.

And it's easy to see why when standing alongside it.

Its undulating corners, and steep hills, which account for approximately 25 per cent of the course, with gradients of six per cent, would be a struggle for most to run up let alone cycle, which made for a testing afternoon when the representatives from 26 nations took part in a training day at the venue.

But it's that challenge which also excites them, and in particular British Cycling Paracycling performance manager Gareth Sheppard, who is yet to name his squad for the Games.

"It's going to be a really good course, enough of a technical challenge," he said. "You can see it really does roll, and there are some sharp uphill, it's go-

ing to favour some of the GB riders.

"We have been spending time on their cornering skills, looking at the profile of the course, and spending time here to ensure they have familiarity with it."

One of those is time trial rider Mark Colbourne. The Welshman is a C1 rider – the classification for riders on upright bikes with the most severe disability.

"It's a fantastic circuit," he said. "I've only ever seen it on the TV, I'm surprised how steep the course is, when you see it on the TV it looks flat, but it's quite surprising. We had a drive around in the car to see the road part of the course. It does look quite tough."

The course is spread over 4km of the race track, and another 4km of the roads outside the venue. There are three events taking place at the track, with cyclists battling it out for glory in the time trials, road races, and team relays.

While some of the GB team may know the course, it was a chance for the international athletes to sample the world-class venue for the first time.

Canadian-born, naturalised Australian, Carol Cooke found

the course tough on her trike, but also managed to get up to 60kph in places.

"On a two-wheel bike you ride upright, but a trike you have to counter balance. It's a bit tricky. You're leaning and trikes are very hard to turn," she said.

"This is my very first Paralympics and it's going to be one of the most challenging time trials I've ever done. I was really nervous when I was looking at it coming in wondering how I was going to get up the hills."

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MARK COLBOURNE, TEAM GB

There was one rider in particular for whom the track had an element of familiarity.

Fomer Formula One driver Alex Zanardi lost both of his legs in a car crash in Germany in 2001, and now represents the Italian paracycling team, and has won marathons in Rome and New York.

He said: "Knowing the circuit better than anybody else I thought I would know where to negotiate braking points, where to slow down and take the right lines. But, in reality, the course is so wide that you never even cuddle the brakes other than the first corner that goes onto the outside section. But I really enjoyed it, it is fantastic."

"The last part is the most difficult because in terms of personal pleasure and doing things right it is probably not the easiest area."

"But when you reach the penultimate climb going to the hairpin [Druids] you are already very tired but you know that if you are close enough in terms of time to your opponents, this is the area where you are either going to win or lose the race. You've got to be really able to make the difference in the last two climbs."

Picture: JUSTIN SETTERSFIELD



TOUGH: Paracyclists found the Brands Hatch course a challenge



RECORD: Richard Dobell has played at the top level in all formats

PARALYMPICS

Trio set for world stage in Team GB's first ever sitting volleyball squad

FOR Richard Dobell there is something quite ironic about being selected in Team GB's sitting volleyball squad for the Paralympic Games.

The 45-year-old from Beckenham was at the top of the volleyball game with the England and Great Britain indoor and beach teams, earning more than 160 caps.

But several years ago his paralympic classification came through as a serious knee injury meant he was no longer able to compete in the able bodied version of the game, which has brought about an extension to his career.

"The irony of it is that it's extended my career," he said. "There are lots of clichés to describe being selected. It's pretty special to go to a Paralympics and when you live in the London area it puts the icing on the cake."

"I have known about my selection for a

couple of weeks now and it's been difficult to keep it under wraps."

Dobell captained the England indoor volleyball teams from 1987 to 2002 and competed on the international beach volleyball tour, and is believed to be the first ever player to compete at the highest international standard in all three volleyball disciplines.

He made his debut at the 2007 European Championships, competing against Latvia and he has since earned more than 28 GB caps.

He said he expects the tournament, which takes place from August 30, until September 8 at the ExCel Centre, to be a difficult one.

"It's going to be a difficult tournament, but the squad has been together for four years now," he said. "We are going to try to beat all the teams put in front of us."

The county has two other players to have been selected for the side, including Gurkha Netra Rana, who lives in Folkestone. He has become a valuable member of the team in recent years, winning the Most Valuable Player award at the Continental Cup in 2011.

He said: "It has been a hard rehabilitation process for me but sitting volleyball has helped me physically and emotionally."

"I am very proud to be selected in the squad and I will be honoured to take to the court in the summer with my team mates to represent Great Britain and make my country and family proud."

The third Kent name in the squad is Claire Harvey, who was born in Chatham but now lives in Ashford. The 36-year-old captained Scotland women's rugby union side from 1994 to 1997 and gained more than 50 caps.

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MOTORSPORT

Hill in battle to keep form going to retain BSB title

By Greg Miles

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BRITISH Superbike champion Tommy Hill knows he has a battle on his hands if he is to retain his title, but is relying on the consistency he has shown in the first half of the season to see him through.

Before racing at Knockhill in Scotland this weekend where last year he claimed wins in both races, the Beckenham-born star was second in the standings, just a point behind Josh Brookes, and looking good for the all important top six finish for the showdown rides which start in September.

And more importantly he leads the podium credits rankings with 12, four ahead Brookes.

But he knows the standings count for nothing at this stage, and is hoping to keep his form going across the season with four rounds left, before the three-part showdown series.

He said: "Last year I was about fifth in the table at this point. I don't take too much notice of the table, I never look at them at all, I don't feel I need to.

"As we start to approach rounds eight and nine I will have a look just to make sure I'm in the top three. I just take it race by race. We just need to make sure we are in the top six."

In the last round at Snetterton he made a good start claiming second in the first race but an issue with the bike meant he didn't finish the second race, something he knows can't happen as the series progresses.

"I have been pretty consistent but we had the



FLYING: Tommy Hill has been pleased with the way he has driven over the first half of the season

engine issue in the last round which is something we cannot afford to have in later rounds," he said. "This is motorcycle racing, you can never plan what's going to happen in this sport.

"I was a bit gutted about the last round, we could have won the second race but we had a machine problem," he said.

That consistency is what he is aiming for, but he knows keeping it going as other riders look to

up their game is going to be tough.

"I think I have been doing well. I have won more races than anyone else, I just have to keep doing what I am doing," he said.

"I don't want to change anything that I don't need to. It's a bit more difficult with what to improve on, it's more down to the rider to improve the riding style, but everyone is in the same position."

CRICKET

Adams hoping Kent can keep up with busy run of games

JIMMY Adams is confident his side are in top condition to tackle a busy spell in the fixture list.

Including the match against Hampshire on Sunday, Kent go on a run of nine games in 25 days with six t20 games, the three-day match against South Africa, a CB40 game against Sussex, and Glamorgan in the LV=County Championship.

It's a schedule which is sure to put his side through their paces as they look to progress into the quarter finals of the t20 competition.

"The games are coming thick and fast, which is a good thing to be honest," said the former West Indies international.

"It's not as bad as it was last year when we had about six or seven more games."

He said because of the lack of time between each game the training regime is more tailored to each player's needs, but he hopes that the efforts in pre-season will bare fruit.

"We only have one day in between games to prepare," he said. "The programme tends to be more specific rather than having



Picture: ADY KERRY

PREPARED: Adams has plans

group sessions, it's a more individualised approach.

"You prepare as well as you can in pre-season. We have given them the best chance to get in good condition."

The Spitfires made an encouraging start beating Surrey by eight wickets, before losing to Essex when needing just four runs from the final ball.

He said: "We started out in the competition thinking everybody is going to provide stiff opposition. Man for man each team has pretty good players."

FOOTBALL

Scally not worried about a lack of transfer activity

GILLINGHAM chairman Paul Scally has dismissed suggestions the club is missing out on transfer targets while he waits to appoint a new manager.

There are hundreds of players on the market at present with contracts winding down and free agents available, but Gillingham are yet to sign anyone, while their rivals go about their business.

However, he warned fans not to expect an influx of players like there was when seven arrived last season when the new manager is put in place as he believes the squad is strong enough to win promotion to League One.

He said the club does have targets in mind which will only be looked at if the new manager is keen.

"Just because we don't have a manager nothing stops at the club," he said.

"We have been offered many, many players, and we will put them to the new manager when he's appointed.

"We are not falling behind, we have got a squad strong enough to get out of the division.



Picture: ADY KERRY

CALM: Scally happy with dealings

"Last year we had a squad of 30, so we will be looking at fewer players this year.

"There are about 800, or 700 players out there without clubs, so we are not missing out.

"The days of worrying about players getting snapped up by other clubs are gone."

SQUASH



FAVOURITE?: Chris Simpson, left, will be there

Top squash action heading to Maidstone for the Kent Open

WORLD-CLASS squash comes to Kent this week with the Kent Open taking place in Maidstone.

With a prize fund of £6,500 up for grabs the event has attracted an international field of players for the action which starts on Tuesday, (June 26) and finishes on July 1 at the Mote Squash Club.

Qualifying takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday with the first rounds starting on Thursday.

Yorkshire-based world No.45 Chris Simpson is top seed, followed by Finnish No.2 Henrik Mustonen, Hungarian No.1 Mark Krajcsak and top Danish star Kristian Olesen.

Other competitors include Julien Balbo (France), Karim Ali Fathi (Egypt), Malaysia's Elvinn Keo and Pakistani duo Saqib Yousuf and Aqib Hanif.

English hopefuls include Jaymie Haycocks, Anthony Graham and wild card Robbie Downe whose ferocious shot is one to watch out for.

He will be aiming to beat the 175mph world squash speed record during the tournament after clocking 171mph on the radar gun at last year's event.

The tournament has been able to go from strength to strength thanks to a three-year sponsorship agreement with SE Leisure worth £9,000, as well as PSA world-ranking points up for grabs.

Sponsor Jonny Powell has competed in the event for the past three years and has increased his company's financial backing to guarantee the future of one of the leading squash tournaments in the UK.

Powell has been allocated a local spot in qualifying alongside The Mote's England junior international James Evans, Kent senior captain Joe Magor from Canterbury, and former county No.1 John Brewer from Rodmersham (Sittingbourne).

Admission is free all week and the event includes a world speed challenge with the radar gun ahead of the semi-finals on Saturday, June 30, after which there will be a barbecue.

The Mote's club finals will also take place on the same day. The final takes place at 3pm on Sunday, July 1.

The tournament will feature daily coaching clinics with the professionals for local juniors and school groups, which take place at 4pm.

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